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T.N. blast accused planned suicide attacks, says NIA

Agency conducts searches at 43 locations in T.N. and one place in Kerala; it says Mubin, who died in Coimbatore explosion, conspired to cause extensive damage to monuments of a particular faith

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday said Jameesha Mubin, the deceased suspect in the Coimbatore bomb blast case, had planned suicide attacks to cause extensive damage to symbols and monuments of a particular religious faith.

The agency said preliminary investigation revealed that Mubin, after taking '*bayath*' or oath to serve the Islamic State (IS), was planning to carry out suicide attacks to strike terror among a particular section of community.

The six accused arrested in this case so far had allegedly conspired with Mubin to procure chemicals and other ingredients for fabrication of improvised explosive devices (IED), including a vehicle-borne IED, from online shopping platforms to commit terrorist acts, the NIA said.

On the job: NIA officials conducting searches at Kottaimedu in Coimbatore on Thursday. M. PERIASAMY

The NIA on Thursday conducted simultaneous searches across Tamil Nadu and one place in Kerala in connection with the car blast in front of the Kottai Eswaran temple in Coimbatore on October 23, the day before Deepavali.

Special NIA teams commenced searches with the backup of the local police on the premises of persons they suspected of being IS activists or sympathisers. Investigators were acting on inputs from intelligence agencies and information revealed by suspects arrested in the blast case, informed sources said.

Sources in the NIA said the searches were conducted at 43 locations in Chennai, Coimbatore, Tiruvallur, Tirupur, Nilgiris, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram and Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu and Palakkad in Kerala.

In Palakkad, the team raided the house of Shaikh Mustafa at Chappakkad. He has been staying in Coimbatore. Mustafa is a relative of Riyas Aboobacker, arrested in 2019 for alleged IS connections. NIA sources said they were investigating possible links of Mustafa with the Coimbatore and Sri Lanka blasts.

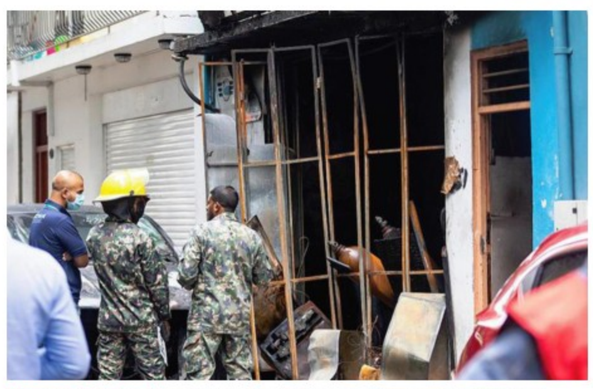
8 Indian workers feared dead in Maldives inferno; identities being confirmed

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

At least 10 people, most of whom are reportedly Indians, died early Thursday in one of the worst fires witnessed in Male, the Maldivian capital and one of the most densely populated cities in the region.

The fire broke out in a building housing migrant workers.

A PTI report, quoting an Indian High Comission official, said eight Indians were among the dead.



Rescue mission: Firefighters outside a building in the Maldives capital, Male, where a major fire broke out on Thursday. AFP

Many injured

One victim was believed to be a Bangladeshi worker, officials said. Several people residing in the building are said to be injured.

In a tweet, Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid said he spoke to the Foreign Ministers of India and Bangladesh and conveyed condolences on behalf of the government and people of the Maldives.

A senior government official in Male told *The Hindu* that the police were trying to ascertain the identities of the victims.

In a tweet on Thursday evening, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said: "Deeply grieved by the tragic loss of lives in a fire incident in Male today. Full details regarding Indians being ascertained by the High Commission, who are contacting affected families." The Indian High Commission in the Maldives said it was in "close contact" with the Maldivian authorities.

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Roads get a facelift ahead of PM's visit

BENGALURU
Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on Friday, the BBMP gave a major facelift to roads in and around Majestic area in the city.
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Dropout rate up in State: Report

BENGALURU
The total dropout rate in Karnataka has increased between the academic years of 2020-21 and 2021-22, specifically in the primary and upper primary level of education, said a report released by CRY. » PAGE 8

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

TCS to expand in Illinois, plans to create additional jobs

1,200 The number of new jobs to be created by Tata Consultancy Services in Illinois, U.S., by the end of 2024. At present, India's largest IT services exporter employs over 3,000 people in the state, which includes 1,100 hired in the last five years. It operates a facility in Naperville, which is one among 30 such outposts in the U.S. PTI

Millions of workers drop out of workforce citing illness in U.K.

2.5 In million, the number of people who have dropped out of Britain's job market since 2019 and who now cite a long-term illness or mental health problem. The most common category of ill health was 'other health problems or disabilities', although the Office for National Statistics doubted whether the increase was primarily driven by long COVID-19. Reuters

BJP announces 160 candidates in first list, OBCs, STs get tickets

49 The number of OBCs in BJP's 160 candidates announced for the two-phase elections to the 182-member Gujarat Assembly. Of the rest, Patels, the dominant community, got 40 seats, STs got 24, SCs got 13 and Kshatriyas got 19. Two tickets have been given to candidates from the Jain community. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel will contest in Ghatlodia. PTI

Qatar unveils cabins for World Cup fans near its airports

6,000 The number of cabins created by Qatar near its airports which can house up to 12,000 guests who are expected to come to the country for the football World Cup. In the lead-up to the tournament, concerns about hotel room space have trailed Qatar. Qatar has estimated it will have 1,30,000 rooms per day for the tournament. AP

France grants port to migrant rescue ship amid Italy rift

230 The number of passengers from a migrant rescue ship that France will take in, as they were stranded in the Mediterranean Sea, after Italy refused them entry. The passengers would be divided among France, Germany and other European countries. French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin termed Italy's response as "unacceptable". AP

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Russia's withdrawal from Kherson

Why is Kherson an important location geographically and how did Russia take control over it? What are the reasons for Russia's retreat from the region? Is the withdrawal a tactical or a strategic move by Moscow?

EXPLAINER

Padmashree Anandhan

The story so far:

Ukraine's defence and intelligence unit has reported on the withdrawal of Russian troops from Kherson but predicts it to be a delusion for a retreat. U.S. President Joe Biden and the EU leaders have termed the withdrawal as a "difficult position" for Russian President Vladimir Putin and condemned the brutality of deporting Ukrainians.

Where is Kherson and why is it important?

Geographically, Kherson is a strategic location for Russia and Ukraine. Situated in the northwest of the Dnipro River, the province shares borders with Donetsk, Crimea and the Black Sea.

With Moscow capturing Crimea in 2014, the occupation of Kherson in March 2022 has benefited Russia in transferring its military from Crimea to counter Ukraine. It provides access to Odesa and Black Sea ports in the west and serves as the main route to secure southern Ukraine.

For Ukraine, regaining Kherson is significant to protect its population in Kalanchak and Chaplynka districts and also to recapture Crimea. Kherson is also an important region for its agricultural produce, with irrigation channels.

How did Kherson come under Russia's control?

In early March 2022, Kherson was captured by Russia through intense fighting. The battle of Kherson proved to be the starting point to capturing and occupying the southern part of Ukraine while the battles for Kharkiv and Kyiv in the north progressed. Russia's hold over Kherson since March 2022 enabled Moscow to capture the key port cities – Mariupol in the Sea Azov, and Odesa, thus expanding control. Kherson's irrigation canals were used as defence positions, creating a strong line preventing Ukraine's counter-attacks. Russia also had positioned its soldiers in Kherson and stockpiled the ammunition.

Why has Moscow announced its withdrawal from Kherson?

There are three reasons behind the move. First is the mobilisation failure. When Russia was advancing rapidly in capturing the southern and northern cities of Ukraine, its military personnel and weapon systems started to run thin.

Russia then pursued a partial mobilisation as the next strategy to circumvent its on-ground limitations. The failure of new recruits added an additional challenge to Russia to keep its hold against the Ukraine counter-offensive in Kherson.

Secondly, the inability of Russia to govern Kherson. Despite imposing martial law, Russia could not effectively rule Kherson; the three-level security in the occupied areas could not enforce Russia's control on the ground.

Third, Ukraine's expanding counter-offensive. Until August, Ukraine was supplied only with short-range and low-grade weapons by the West. Later, Ukrainian soldiers received military training; as Moscow continued its onslaught, the West upgraded its support with medium to high-range weapons systems such as the Howitzers, HIMARS, air defence systems, battle tanks and drone technologies. It came from the U.S., the U.K. and Germany, whereas Russia's procurement was slow and limited to Shahed drones.

This helped Ukraine recapture Russian-occupied areas including Izyum, northeast, southeast of Kharkiv, Izyum-Slovyansk, Kupiansk in Eastern Ukraine, and northwest Kherson in the south. On the other hand, Russia has been facing challenges in augmenting its military hardware on the battleground.

Is the withdrawal final, or a tactical move by Russia?

Russia's new mobilisation has failed to stop the advancing of Ukraine forces. The challenges to remobilise its defence systems and the shortage of weapons must have played a role in Russia's withdrawal.

With Ukraine strengthening its military capacity through support from the West, upgrading from land-based to air-based to heavy battle tanks, Russia is facing a challenge to hold its occupied territories in Ukraine.

However, this is not the first time Moscow is making a withdrawal, after an initial onslaught. The attack on Ukraine's capital Kyiv was an initial strategy of Russia. Later, Moscow shifted its strategy from capturing Kyiv to concentrating on eastern Ukraine. Similarly, Russia also withdrew from its strategy to capture Kharkiv. Controlling Donetsk and Luhansk have become a significant objective.

Withdrawal from Kherson exposes a serious gap in Russia's strategy to hold southern Ukraine. However, it also underlines its strategy – to withdraw under serious attack or resistance by the Ukrainian forces – as it happened in Kyiv and Kharkiv.

Will Ukraine get emboldened and expand its attack into the Donbas and Luhansk regions? Will Russia withdraw, as it did in Kherson? These are two big questions for Kyiv and Moscow, and their larger political objectives on how far they would go with the war.

Padmashree Anandhan is a research associate at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru.

THE GIST

On November 9, Russia's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu announced the withdrawal of the troops from Kherson to a new defensive line on the eastern bank of the Dnipro river.

The decision comes as Russia is facing challenges to mobilise its resources, countering Ukraine's shelling and possible flooding in the area.

With the withdrawal announcement, Russia will transfer the military forces, weapons, and equipment and prioritise the evacuation of the servicemen across the Dnipro river.

Big tech firms swing the axe on talent

Why are tech companies freezing their hiring process and laying off their employees? How has the new app tracking feature by Apple led to the sacking of employees?

John Xavier

The story so far:

Reports of Twitter cutting half of its staff globally, and almost all in India, a week after Elon Musk took the reins of the micro-blogging platform may have overshadowed a much gloomier tech talent landscape. Several large technology firms have already paused hiring and, in some cases, companies are laying off employees as macroeconomic headwinds and tight business budgets are making them restructure their business processes and talent needs. Earlier this month, Amazon said it was pausing hiring in its corporate function.

Why are companies laying off employees?

Apple's CEO Tim Cook recently told investors that the company would "continue to hire people and invest in areas, but we are being more deliberate in doing so." A new report by *Business Insider* said that the iPhone maker is freezing hiring for the next two quarters.

Despite the U.S. government's support through the CHIPS Act to the semiconductor industry, Intel has decided to lay off employees in certain divisions. The chip maker, as part of its Q3 earnings, announced plans to cut about $3 billion in costs over the course of next year.

Social AR firm Snap Inc. is planning to cut a fifth of staff. In August, CEO Evan Spiegel told employees in a memo that the company would cut its workforce by over 1,000 workers. He cited bleak revenue projections and noted that a restructuring was needed for long-term success in a tight environment.

On Wednesday, Facebook's parent company said it is laying off 11,000 employees. Just a year ago, after CEO Mark Zuckerberg renamed the company as Meta Platforms and took a plunge into the amorphous metaverse, the company made elaborate plans to hire 10,000 employees over five years in the European Union (EU) region. That plan seems to be put on the back-burner now as it prepares to cut discretionary spending and extend a hiring freeze for the next several months.

Is Apple behind tech companies' decision to lay off employees?

Social media platforms like Meta and Snap have been hit by an update from Apple. The iPhone maker introduced an app tracking feature that lets users to opt out of apps that track them.

Facebook and Snap get a large proportion of their revenue from selling space for ads. And to make their platforms effective in placing relevant ads, they must collect and analyse user data. But Apple's new feature has made it difficult for these firms to push targeted ads. According to some estimates, Facebook lost about $12 billion as a result of Apple's app tracking feature.

What are the primary reasons?

In the case of chip makers like Intel and Qualcomm, the challenge comes from drop in sales of laptops and mobile devices. In its earnings call last week, Qualcomm cited the "rapid deterioration in demand and easing of supply constraints across the semiconductor industry have resulted in elevated channel inventory."

For smartphone companies that typically end the year on a high note, the chip firm's gloomy outlook is a cause for concern as Qualcomm does not expect the market to recover soon.

Higher inventory for chip makers, lower demand for handset manufacturers, loss in revenue from selling ad spaces for social platforms, and uncertain long-term bets like the metaverse have played a significant role in making large tech firms restructure their business practices. This has made them pause hiring in some cases, and in others swing the axe on talent.

THE GIST

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E-Tender 2nd Call Re Notification

(Through E-procurement Portal)

Re Tender is invited 2nd time in two cover system through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act-2000 from inter ested contractors registered in PWD as contractors for the year 2022-23 and having experience of under taking civil works for construction of Chain Link Mesh for protection of naturally regenerated Sandalwood Trees in Hariharapura Block-3, S.No. 53, 61 and 63 areas in the limits of Ambligola Range of Sagar Division for the year 2022-23. Last date fixed for submitting the said tenders:19.11.2022 up to 4.30 PM. If the tenders are not submitted by the prescribed date the period will not be extended. For further information this office can be contacted and details regarding the tender can be obta ined through the official website www.eproc.karnataka .gov.in

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Division, Sagar

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Government Of Karnataka

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TENDER NOTIFICATION: E-Procurement

The Executive Engineer, Koppal District, Koppal invites tenders who are registered eligible Electrical Contractors for, Chief Ministers Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Scheme in CMC Koppal Urban Local Body limit in Koppal District of Karnataka State as per Price Schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Brief Description: 1.CMC Koppal Indent No: DMA/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT139964. **Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs):279.80. EMD (in Lakhs):** 4.96 **Period of Completion (Months):** 9

Available of Tender Forms (Through Online) **07-11-2022 Morning 10:00am onwards.** Date of Pre-Bid Meeting **16-11-2022 Moring 11.00am.** Date of Quaries **16-11-2022 Evening 5.30am.** Last Date for Submission of Tender **07-12-2022 Evening 5:30pm.** Date of Technical Bid opening Tenders **12-12-2022 Morning 10:00 am.**

Sd/-Executive Engineer, DUDC, Koppal District

DIPR/Koppal/433/MCA/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client has agreed to purchase 4 adjoining Sites bearing Nos. 72, 73, 86, 87 listed as **ITEM Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4** and collectively referred to as the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owner **M/s. PYDA INFRA,** a Registered Partnership Firm, having its registered office at No. 583/B, 1st Floor, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru–560079 rep. by its Partner **RAJESH REDDY PYDA** s/o P S REDDY. **IT IS HEREBY** called upon the General Public that if any person/ Institution is having any kind of claims, rights, charges over any of the 4 sites constituting the SCHEDULE PROPERTY **OR** any valid objections to the proposed sale transaction, the same be lodged along with supporting documents with the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of this publication failing wherein it will be presumed that there are no claims, objections etc., over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY OR for its sale and thereafter my client shall complete the sale transaction. The claims, objections, if any received after **10 days** shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No. 1:

All that part and parcel of Vacant Residential Site No. **72**, presently bearing Municipal No. 991/72/57/57/1/2/72, Old Municipal No. 991/72/57/2/57/1/72, P. I. D. No. 37-501-356 in **Ward No. 23** of Devanahalli Purasabhe, carved out of residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 57/1, comprised in 'BIAAPA' approved Layout, known as **'RAIKA LAYOUT'**, formed out of 8 Acres 23 Guntas of residentially converted lands in Survey Nos. 57/1, 57/2 and 59/1 of Akkupete Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, situated at **Prasanna Halli Road, Devanahalli**, presently within the limits of Devanahalli Municipality, Devanahalli measuring East to West (61.50 + 64.50)/2 Feet, North to South (48.10 + 36.30)/2 Feet, totally measuring **2,658.60 Square Feet** and bounded on:

East by : Road, West by : Site No. 87,
North by : Survey No. 56, South by : Site No. 73

ITEM No. 2:

All that part and parcel of Vacant Residential Site No. **73**, presently bearing Municipal No. 989/73/57/1/2/73, Old Municipal No. 989/73/57/2/57/1/73, P. I. D No. 37-501-358 in **Ward No. 23** of Devanahalli Purasabhe, carved out of residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 57/1, comprised in 'BIAAPA' approved Layout known as **'RAIKA LAYOUT'**, formed out of 8 Acres 23 Guntas of residentially converted lands in Survey Nos. 57/1, 57/2 and 59/1 of Akkupete Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, situated at **Prasanna Halli Road, Devanahalli**, presently within the limits of Devanahalli Municipality, Devanahalli, measuring East to West 60 Feet, North to South 40 Feet totally measuring **2,400 Square Feet** and bounded on::

East by : Road, West by : Site No. 86,
North by : Site No. 72 South by : Site No. 74.

ITEM No. 3:

All that part and parcel of Vacant Residential Site No. **86**, presently bearing Municipal No. 987/86/57/2/57/1/86, Old Municipal No. 987/86/57/2/57/1/86, P. I. D. No. 37-128-33 in **Ward No. 23** of Devanahalli Purasabhe, carved out of residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 57/1, comprised in 'BIAAPA' approved Layout known as **'RAIKA LAYOUT'**, formed out of 8 Acres 23 Guntas of residentially converted lands in Survey Nos. 57/1, 57/2 and 59/1 of Akkupete Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, situated at **Prasanna Halli Road, Devanahalli**, presently within the limits of Devanahalli Municipality (Purasabhe) Devanahalli, measuring East to West 60 Feet, North to South 40 Feet totally measuring **2,400 Square Feet** and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 73, West by : Road,
North by : Site No. 87, South by : Site No. 85.

ITEM No. 4:

All that part and parcel of Vacant Residential Site No. **87**, presently bearing Municipal No. 998/87/57/57/1/2/87, Old Municipal No. 998/87/57/2/57/1/87, P. I. D. No. 37-128-31 in **Ward No. 23** of Devanahalli Purasabhe, carved out of residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 57/1, comprised in 'BIAAPA' approved Layout known as **'RAIKA LAYOUT'**, formed out of 8 Acres 23 Guntas of residentially converted lands in Survey Nos. 57/1, 57/2 and 59/1 of Akkupete Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, situated at **Prasanna Halli Road, Devanahalli**, presently within the limits of Devanahalli Municipality Devanahalli, measuring East to West (61.50 + 60.0)/2 Feet, North to South (61.90 + 43.10)/2 Feet, totally measuring **3,189 Square Feet** and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 72, West by : Road,
North by : Survey No. 56, South by : Site No. 86.

Bangalore,
Date: 10-11-2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority-Karnataka (constituted by Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) Government of India), has accorded the expansion and modified environmental clearance for "Embassy Manyata Business Park" comprising of IT/ITES park, offices, commercial, retails, hotels, convention centre and banquet hall on the property bearing several survey numbers in Rachenahalli and Thanisandra Villages of K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East AND Nagawara Village of Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist, being developed by M/s. Manyata Promoters Private Limited, vide order No. SEIAA 20 CON 2022 dated 08.11.2022. The said copy of environment clearance is available with the KSPCB / SEIAA office and the website of MoEFCC / SEIAA at **https://parivesh.nic.in**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture(East),BBMP, East Zone, 17th Floor, PU Building, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 001.

No.HS(EAST)/TENDER/PR/17/2022-23 Date:10.11.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture(East), invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the services detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Maintenance of Parks in Ward No. 78, East Zone.	13,89,142/-	34,728/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement portal from **14.11.2022 onwards. 2)** Last date for submission of tenders: **21.11.2022 upto 4.00 p.m. 3)** Opening of Technical Bids: **23.11.2022. at 5.00 p.m.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture(East).

VIJAYAPURA CITY CORPORATION, VIJAYAPURA

No: CCV/PWD/EE/DM/TND/E-proc-/2022-23/3182 Date:09.11.2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, City Corporation vijayapur invites tenders from eligible tenders registered in KPWD for the **1) 02 works under SFC special Grant 2022-23 2) 03 Works under Corporation Fund 24.1% Scheme under FY 2022-23 3) 02 Works under corporation Fund under FY 7.25%Scheme 2022-23 4) 09 works 2022-23 Corporation Fund 2022-23** Tenders are called in standard tender document through E-procurement portal. For further details visit onile web site https:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

1) Last date for tender submission: 28-11-2022.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, City Corporation,Vijayapura

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No. EST(1)CR-74/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 09-11-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Deputy Commissioner Gadag District Gadag invites SHORT TERM TENDER for Supply of Computer Data Entry Operator, Driver and Attender for Deputy Commissioner Office Gadag and under office's

Interested parties may download the tender documents from https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in website.

(1) Last date & Time receipt of tenders **23/11/2022** 17.00 PM (2) Date and time for opening of technical bid **25/11/2022** 11.00 AM (3) Date and time for opening of financial bid **28/11/2022** 11.00 AM

Sd/- Additional Deputy Commissioner

DIPR/Gadag/M.C.A/426/2022-23 **Gadag District, Gadag**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(Ballari Thermal Power Station)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT13052/CALL-2 Date:09.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only) (Two Cover System)

Tender is invited through e-procurement portal **(Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from contractors who are having experience in execution of similar works and financial turnover as per e-portal PQR **for Study of EHG Hunting Problem and providing possible solution at BTPS Unit -2". EMD : Rs. 20,135/-** Last date and time for tender queries / Clarifications : **12.11.2022 upto 11.00 Hrs.** Pre-bid meeting : **14.11.2022 @ 11.00 Hrs.** Last date and time for receipt of tender: **16.11.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid : **17.11.2022 @16.30 Hrs.** Opening of Financial Bid : **18.11.2022 @17.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from office of the **Executive Engineer (I&C)-1, BTPS, KPCL**, Kudathini-583 152, Ballari Dist. Mobile: 9448290737.

Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Thirthahalli

Tender Notice No.: AMD/APMC(T)/Development/509-513/2022-23 Date: 05.11.2022

Brief Tender Notice (Through e-Procurement Portal)

Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Thirthahalli, invites itemwar tender from eligible contractors belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and other contractors registered in PWD in KW (1), (2) & (3) for various works sanctioned under Annual Action Plan for the year 2022-23. Further information can be obtained from this office or GoK website http:/ /eproc.karnataka.gov.in and Asst. Executive Engineer, MDP and Secretary, APMC, Thirthahalli during office hours

Sd/- (M.A. Vittala)
Secretary,
APMC, Thirthahalli

Sd/- (K.O. Palaiah)
Administrative Officer,
APMC, Thirthahalli

DIPR/smg/No.78/11/mca/22-23/1240

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA

(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURAGI-585105

Phone No: 08472-278634 Email:eerwssglb14@gmail.com

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/2031 Dated : 08-11-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site **http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in** and should be submitted through E-procurment system only 1) Name of work: **Sedam taluka -01 (Indent No 49696 Multi village scheme)**, 2) Head of A/C : **JJM 2021-22**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-I, 4) Tender Amount: Min 11,25,00,000/-, Max 11,25,00,000/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **10-11-2022**, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **09-12-2022 4.00pm**, 9) Pre Bid meeting: **30-11-2022 11.00am**, 10) Opening of Techincal Bid: **12-12-2022 4.01pm**, 11) Opening of Financial Bid:**15-12-2022 11:00am**, 12) Address for any clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/823/MC&A/2022-23

Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur

(Govt. Autonomous Institution)

Hyderabad Road, Raichur -584102

Phone /Fax-08532-238488/89 Web. www. rims-raichur.com

Email info@rims-raichur.com

NO.RIMS/SUP/TEND/ SCP-TSP/14/2022-23/Call-2 Dated: 09.11.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Supply of Printers & Tabs for SC/ST Students, Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, under two cover bid system through E-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka.

1) Tender document may be downloaded from E-procurement portal from 10.11.2022 2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before 23.11.2022 upto 5.00 PM 3) Technical bid will be opened on 25.11.2022 at 11.30 A.M. Further information may be obtained from above office and from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also from this Institution web site www.rims-raichur.com

Sd/- Director
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I, ARTHI Amarnathsingh, W/o Rajesh Veedu Puthiyaveetil, R/a No.402, C Block, SJR Redwoods Apartments, Ambalipura, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102 have changed my name to Arthi Singh vide affidavit dt: 09.11.2022 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, B'lore.

I, SHILPA Beerannavar is legally wedded spouse of No.10490416F Rank PTR Name Siddappa Benachinamaradi presently residing at Midakanatti (Vill) Khanagaon (PO), Gokak (Teh), Belagavi (Dist), Karnataka-591344 that have declared to changed my name from Shilpa Beerannavar to Shilpa Siddappa Benachinamaradi vide affidavit dated 02 Nov 2022 before P B Nimbalkar BA, LLB (SPL) LL, Advocate & Notary.

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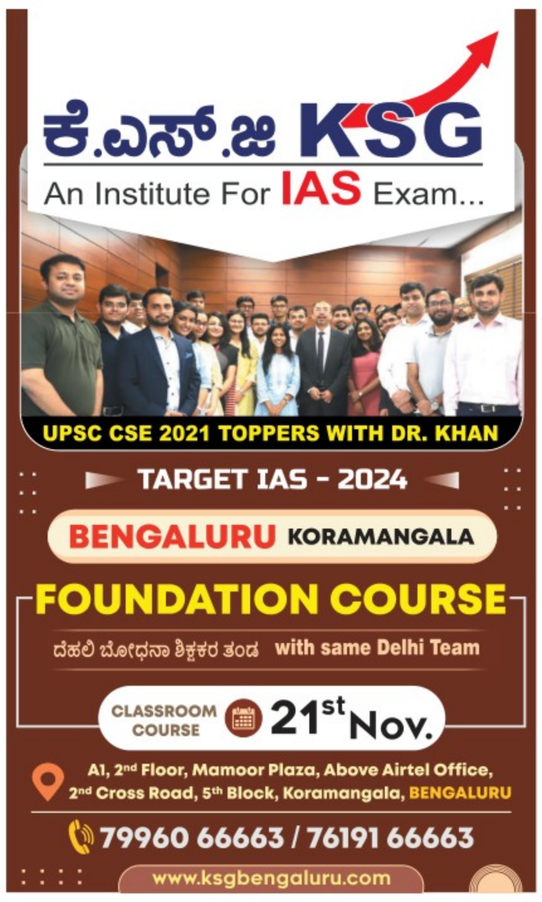
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LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, KANNUR

C.C. No. 38/2018

Biji.E, W/o Hamesh Kumar Complainant

Dr. Rameshan.C.K and others Opposite Parties

Respondent No.2

Dr. Shilpa Shri.G,

Consultant Radiologist, Appollo diagnostics, Near Co-operative Hospital, Manna, Taliparamba P.O, Kannur District - 670 141

Notice to Respondent No. 2

Take notice that the above matter is posted for the appearance of the respondent No.2 before this Commission on 22/11/2022 at 11 a.m and in your absence the matter will be heard and decided ex-parte.

Kannur 10-11-2022 **V. A. Satheesh,** Advocate for the complainant

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IN THE COURT OF THE 74th ACCJ CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH-75) ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 25377 OF 2022

BETWEEN

ICICI Bank Ltd.,
A body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 and having its Regioal office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001, And represented by its POA Holder, Sri. Pramodh G. S/o. Gurumalappa. Age : 45 years.

...PLAINTIFF

AND

Sri. R. Sachin **...DEFENDANT**

Summons/Notice through Paper Publication

Mr. R SACHIN, Aged about 27 years, Son of Cikkayeerappa Rajashekar, R/at No. 41, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, 80 feet Road, Srinivasanagara Bengaluru- 560 050.

...DEFENDANT

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount 10,56,345/- together with interest at the rate 24% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a advocate/ pleader on 17/12/2022 at 11.00 A.M to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as "EX-PARTE".

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 2nd day of November 2022.

By Order of the Court

Advocate For Plaintiff
Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navada
Advocate No.177/1, (88), 1st Floor, Besides 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru- 560 002.

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE 28th ACCJ. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CH-29) O.S. No. 25179/2021

BETWEEN :

M/S. ICICI BANK LTD.
Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree Tower Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560 068 And represented by its Collection Manager Mr. Pramod G. ...PLAINTIFF

AND

M/s. Arihant Granites and Marbles and others ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS

1. M/s. ARIHANT GRANITES & MARBLES
Plot No.15, 2nd Phase Ring Road, Jigani Industrial Area Anekal Taluk, Bangalore- 562106 Represented by its Partners Mr. Anil Kumar Lunker and Mrs. Sangeetha Jain

2. MR. ANIL KUMAR LUNKER
Aged about 49 Years
S/o. Mr. Nenmalji Durgadasji R/at. No. 311, 1st Floor, Guru Krupa, 4th Cross, 10th E, Main Road, Near Ashoka Pillar, Jayanagar, 1st Block, Bangalore South, Jayanagar, 3rd Block, Bangalore- 560011

3. MRS. SANGEETHA JAIN
Aged about 48 years
W/o. of Mr. Anil Kumar Lunker R/at. No. 311, 1st Floor, Guru Krupa, 4th Cross, 10th E, Main Road, Near Ashoka Pillar, Jayanagar, 1st Block, Bangalore South, Jayanagar, 3rd Block, Bangalore- 560011

...DEFENDANT

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs.5,48,648.15** as on **29/01/2021** along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Mayo hall at Bangalore (CH-29) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on **06.01.2023** at **11:00 AM**, take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this **7th day of 11 2022.**

By Order of the Court
Asst. Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court- Mayo Hall Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
ANVAYA LAW,
ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
First Floor, India Express Building No.1, Queens Road Bengaluru- 560001
Cell No. 9845806822
vasudevan.hn@anvayalaw.com

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CH-29) O.S. No. 25492/2021

BETWEEN :

M/s. ICICI BANK LTD.
Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree Tower Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road, Bangalore- 560 068 And represented by its Collection Manager Mr. Pramod G. ...PLAINTIFF

AND

Mr. Dhirendra Bhatt ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
MR. DHIRENDRA BHATT
S/o. Janardhan,
Aged about 31 Years
R/at No.20, Viveknagar, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Srinivagilu, Near Balaji Apartment, Bangalore- 560047

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs.10,39,821.14** as on **27/03/2021** along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble City Civil Judge, Mayo hall at Bangalore** (CH-29) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on- **03.01-2023** at **11:00 AM**, take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order of this Hon'ble Court
Asst. Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court- Mayo Hall Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
ANVAYA LAW,
ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
First Floor, Indian Express Building No.1, Queens Road Bengaluru- 560001
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IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH-73) ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 25247 OF 2022

BETWEEN

ICICI Bank Ltd.,
A body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed as a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 and having its Regioal office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001, And represented by its POA Holder, Sri. Pramodh G. S/o. Gurumalappa, Age: 45 years.

...PLAINTIFF

AND

Sri. V. Mukesh Kumar **...DEFENDANT**

Summons/ Notice through Paper Publication

Mr. V. MUKESH KUMAR, Aged about 39 years, S/o. Venkateshappa, R/a No. 67, Kalena Agrahara, Banagalore South, Anekal, Behind Gunnin Apartment, Bengaluru- 560076.

...DEFENDANT

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount Rs.8,59,370/- together with interest at the rate 24% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a advocate/ pleader on 12/12/2022 at 11.00 A.M to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as "EX-PARTE".

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 29th day of October 2022.

By Order of the Court

Advocate For Plaintiff
Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navada
Advocate No.177/1, (88), 1st Floor, Besides 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru- 560 002.

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FIVE STAR Business Finance Limited

FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED

Our Company was incorporated as Five-Star Business Credits Private Limited at Chennai, Tamil Nadu as a private limited company under the Companies Act, 1956, pursuant to a certificate of incorporation dated May 7, 1984, issued by the Registrar of Companies, Tamil Nadu at Chennai ("**RoC**"). Our Company was converted from a private limited company to a public limited company pursuant to board resolution dated September 7, 1988 and special resolution passed by the Shareholders at the EGM dated October 3, 1988. Consequently, the name of our Company was changed from 'Five-Star Business Credits Private Limited' to 'Five-Star Business Credits Limited' and the certificate of incorporation was amended on October 3, 1988. The name of our Company was subsequently changed to 'Five-Star Business Finance Limited' pursuant to board resolution dated March 25, 2015 and special resolution passed by our Shareholders at the EGM held on April 12, 2016, and a fresh certificate of incorporation consequent upon change of name was issued by the RoC on May 13, 2016. For further details see, *"History and Certain Corporate Matters"* on page 219 of the red herring prospectus of the Company dated November 1, 2022 filed with the RoC ("**RHP**" or "**Red Herring Prospectus**"). Our Company is registered with the Reserve Bank of India ("**RBI**") to carry on the business of non-banking financial institution without accepting public deposits (certificate of registration no. B-07.00286). For details, see *"Government and Other Approvals"* beginning on page 390 of the RHP.

Registered and Corporate Office: New No. 27, Old No. 4, Taylor's Road, Kilpauk, Chennai 600 010, Tamil Nadu, India; **Tel:** +91 44 4610 6260; **Website:** www.fivestargroup.in; **Contact Person:** Shalini Baskaran, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer; **E-mail:** cs@fivestargroup.in; **Corporate Identity Number:** U65991TN1984PLC010844

OUR PROMOTERS: LAKSHMIPATHY DEENADAYALAN, HEMA LAKSHMIPATHY, SHRITHA LAKSHMIPATHY, MATRIX PARTNERS INDIA INVESTMENT HOLDINGS II, LLC AND SCI INVESTMENTS V

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 1 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED (OUR "COMPANY" OR THE "COMPANY" OR THE "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [●] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A PREMIUM OF ₹ [●] PER EQUITY SHARE) ("OFFER PRICE") AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 19,600.05 MILLION (THE "OFFER") THROUGH AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES (THE "OFFER FOR SALE"), CONSISTING OF UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 1,667.42 MILLION BY SCI INVESTMENTS V, UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 7,194.14 MILLION BY MATRIX PARTNERS INDIA INVESTMENT HOLDINGS II, LLC, UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 120.87 MILLION BY MATRIX PARTNERS INDIA INVESTMENTS II EXTENSION, LLC, UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 3,614.47 MILLION BY NORWEST VENTURE PARTNERS X – MAURITIUS AND UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 7,003.15 MILLION BY TPG ASIA VII SF PTE. LTD. (COLLECTIVELY, THE "SELLING SHAREHOLDERS", AND SUCH EQUITY SHARES, THE "OFFERED SHARES").

The Offer is being made under Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations.
QIB Portion: Not more than 50% of the Offer | Non-Institutional Portion: Not less than 15% of the Offer
Retail Portion: Not less than 35% of the Offer

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THE CAP PRICE IS 474 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES.
BIDS CAN BE MADE FOR A MINIMUM OF 31 EQUITY SHARES AND IN MULTIPLES OF 31 EQUITY SHARES THEREAFTER.

Risks to Investors:

- The weighted average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares transacted by the Promoters, Promoter Group and Selling Shareholders in the one year, three years and eighteen months immediately preceding the date of the Red Herring Prospectus is as follows:

Period	Weighted Average Cost of Acquisition (in ₹)*^	Cap Price (₹ 474) is 'X' times the Weighted Average Cost of Acquisition	Range of acquisition price: lowest price-highest price (in ₹)^
Last one year	490.67	0.97	490.67
Last three years	241.77	1.96	1 - 490.67
Last eighteen months	386.59	1.23	1 - 490.67

^ As certified by R P S V & Co., Chartered Accountants by way of their certificate dated November 1, 2022.

** Weighted average cost means total Equity Share capital including securities premium issued during last one year, three years and eighteen months preceding the date of the Red Herring Prospectus divided by total number of Equity Shares.*

- The Price/ Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS for FY 2022 for our Company at upper end of price band is as high as 29.77x compared to the average industry peer group P/E ratio of 40.84x.
- Weighted average return of Net Worth for FY 2022, FY 2021 and FY 2020 is 15.11% and Return on Net Worth for the three months ended June 30, 2022 is 3.69% (not annualised).
- Average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares held by the Promoters and Selling Shareholders ranges from ₹ 0.50 to ₹ 186.04 per Equity Share and the Offer Price at upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 474 per Equity Share.

RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR COMPANY ARE:

- We require substantial capital for our business and any disruption in our sources of capital could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.
- The risk of non-payment or default by our borrowers may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition and our customers may delay and/or default on their repayment obligations due to various reasons. For our customers who earned not more than ₹ 25,000 per month, during the three months ended June 30, 2022 and the Financial Years 2022, 2021 and 2020, ₹ 309.58 million, 0.58% of our total Gross Term Loans, ₹ 259.40 million, 0.51% of our total Gross Term Loans, ₹ 150.79 million, 0.34% of our total Gross Term Loans, ₹ 162.30 million and 0.42% of our total Gross Term Loans of our total Gross Term Loans, respectively, experienced default in repayment obligations, (i.e. were in the 90+ DPD category).
- Our inability to meet our obligations, including financial and other covenants under our debt financing arrangements, could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. As of June 30, 2022, our Total Borrowings were ₹ 25,203.19 million.
- We have had negative net cash flows in the past and may continue to have negative cash flows in the future.
- The four Book Running Lead Managers associated with the Offer have handled 64 public issues of equity shares in past three years out of which 22 issues closed below the issue price on listing date.

Name of the BRLMs	Total Issues	Issues Closed below IPO pricing on listing day
ICICI Securities Limited*	22	9
Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited*	-	-
Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited*	9	1
Edelweiss Financial Services Limited*	4	2
Common Issues of above BRLMs	29	10
Total	64	22

**Issues handled where there were no common BRLMs*

BID/ OFFER SCHEDULE

BID/ OFFER CLOSES TODAY(1)

(1) *UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5.00 pm on the Bid/ Offer Closing Date.*

THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL GET LISTED ON MAIN BOARD PLATFORM OF BSE AND NSE

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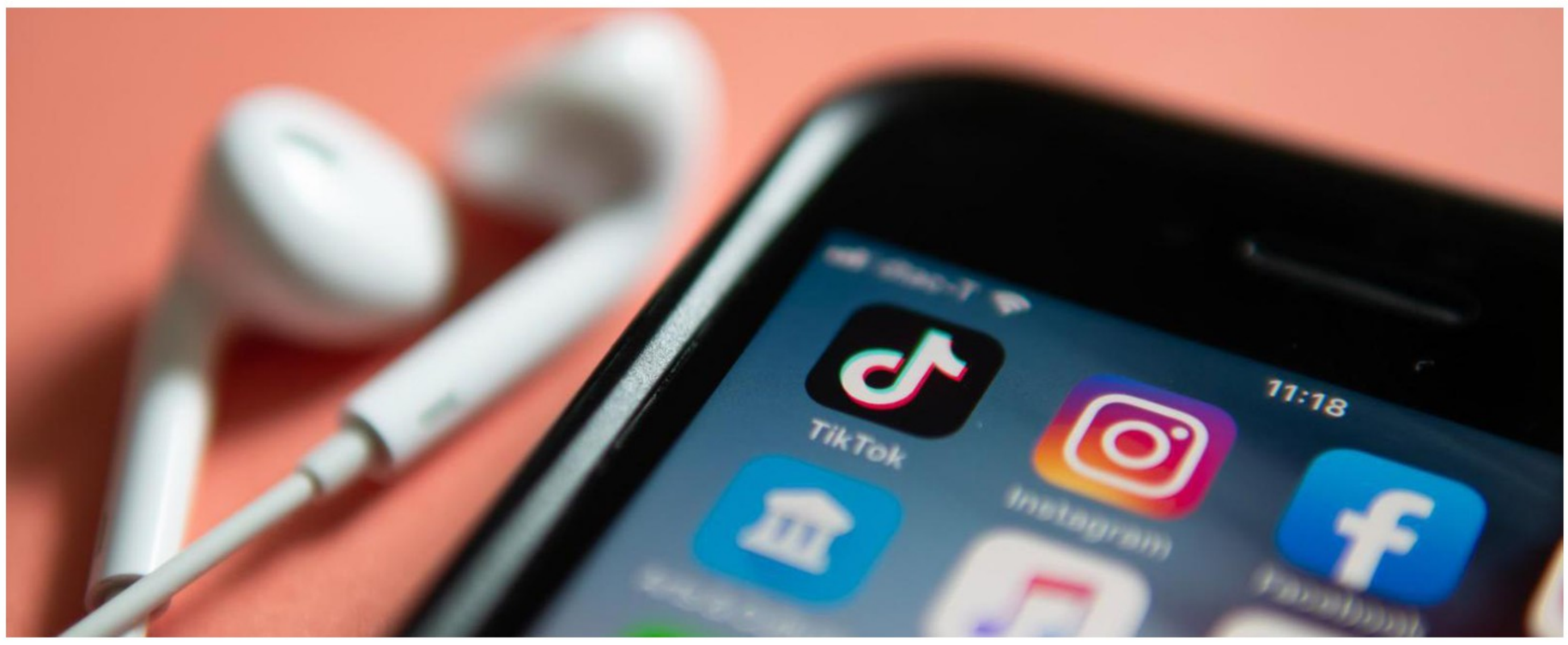


The homogenisation of music: of TikToks and viral reels

Music is increasingly being fed to us, not so much with the classic grandeur that a highly-anticipated album comes with, but instead, the sometimes slow, sometimes sudden rise of the latest algorithmically-harmonised song

Sonikka Loganathan

There was once a time when everyone, generally, listened to the same English-language music. It was the era of pop music dominance, with stars like Katy Perry, Usher, Justin Bieber and Rihanna constantly playing wherever music plays, be it on the radio, or in waiting rooms. The dominance that this era of pop music had is still visible today, with many of these songs still being played in clubs and restaurants in India, making it an immediate way for late millennials and Gen Z to connect; many grew up listening to the same thing.

This phase of mainstream appeal died down after the mid 2010s. The rise of streaming services such as Spotify gave listeners the option to explore different genres and discover new artists without having to either spend the money on an entire album or resort to downloading songs illegally. The streaming boom also gave up-and-coming artists, many of whom would share their work on SoundCloud or YouTube, an opportunity to be discovered on what would come to be seen as more legitimate music streaming platforms.

Although the dismally-low revenue (just a few cents) that artists made for each stream was a cause for concern, especially for those who did not acquire the pop-sensation level of fame in the 2010s, streaming was still able to quickly take over the music industry, and change the way we listen to music.

Until, the rise of TikTok, or in India's case, Instagram reels.

Instagram taking over the industry

Soon after India banned TikTok, social media giant, Instagram, introduced "reels", short videos usually no more than a minute long, featuring people dancing, lip-syncing to songs, showcasing various fashion trends, making jokes, really, just about anything else you can think of. The quickly-consumed, snappy videos have the potential to go extremely viral, and with that, allow the creator to amass a massive following. But a key component of creating a viral reel is selecting music that is catchy, trending on the app, and most importantly, is sticky enough to stay in your head, even if you've only listened to 30 seconds.

It isn't uncommon for my colleagues to hum songs that they only hear on Instagram. When I was with a friend recently, rather than listening to music that we had personally developed an interest in, we listened to E.T. by Katy Perry, a 2010s anthem, and then B.O.A.T by Eliza Rose and Interplanetary Criminal, which was trending on Instagram.

It is as though, in place of the radio, which once united us musically, we now have social media. Music is increasingly being fed to us, not so much with the classic grandeur that a highly-anticipated album comes with, but instead, the sometimes slow, sometimes sudden rise of the latest algorithmically-harmonised song. Whatever happened during 2015 till 2020 is, to a large extent, missing from popular music discourse, because the freedom that period gave us, doesn't sell the way that the mainstream and ultra-viral does.

Songs that go viral may be one-hit wonders, but they can rake in millions as people take the 30-second earworm to streaming platforms. Spotify has playlists dedicated to the day's viral hits. For aspiring musicians, creating a song that is nostalgic enough for travel videos, or upbeat enough to be accompanied by simple choreography, means that they have the chance to get noticed by producers and labels, without necessarily having to climb the music industry's ladder in the traditional way. For example, Ritt Momney's cover of Corinne Bailey Rae's *Put Your Records On* went viral on TikTok, after which he got 500 million streams on Spotify.

But for other artists, the push to create songs with the intention of going viral hinders the creative process. In May, popstar Halsey released a TikTok video claiming that her record label wasn't letting her release a song unless "they can fake a viral moment on TikTok." Other artists like FKA Twigs and Charli XCX said they were facing similar problems. With this pressure, the creative and emotional process behind making music appears to be reduced into a money-making marketing scheme.

This homogenisation of music, into sound that is made to be paired with other content creation, has resulted in a phenomenon akin to the old-school jingle. When the goal is to create a hook that is flexible enough to be paired with several types of situations – with lyrics that don't particularly have a deeper significance, and sticky enough to become an earworm for the masses – oftentimes the artistry behind music making gets lost. This especially becomes an issue when artists release the chorus on social media before the song itself.

This was the case with *Unholy* by Sam Smith and Kim Petras. The song, which is now one of the biggest songs on the internet, was first teased by the duo on TikTok, where they both danced to the chorus. When the full song was released, it received over 10 million streams on Spotify within the first 24 hours. The chorus, which describes an unholy extramarital affair, is now used over all kinds of video genres. However, besides the chorus, the rest of the song – which isn't algorithmically force-fed to us – is forgotten.

'Picking parts of a song'

The power of the album and the anticipation of an album release seems to once again be reserved for industry giants. For artists that wield enough influence like Beyonce, Taylor Swift and Harry Styles, the need to create a TikTok song first and album later isn't necessary. Their fanbase and star-power allows them to create some level of distance from the fleeting moments of internet fame.

Beyonce's *Renaissance* was a strong example of this departure from the TikTok model. The 16 songs on the album were long, cohesive and fun. Picking just one or two hooks from the album to use in a video is difficult. What we saw instead was, creators picking parts of songs that worked for a specific video, rather than what the marketing teams were pushing. *Alien Superstar*, one of the most popular songs on *Renaissance* has a chorus that reverberates with self-confidence and sass. Consequently, when used in reels, often with people lip-syncing, dancing or strutting around, the lyrics not only come first, but deliver a message. Taylor Swift's recent hit *Anti Hero*, released as a part of her album *Midnights*, works similarly, but this time with meme value. "It's me, hi, I'm the problem, it's me," she sings, giving content creators a direction to go in, and the selection of that song, more of a purpose.

Towards a customised marketplace

The TikTok/reels music evolution is, however, giving people a space to interact with music in a way that wasn't previously possible. Gone are the restrictions of copyrights or even the costs of having to purchase songs, just to listen. Instead, these platforms give users an opportunity, in their own way, to collaborate with their favourite artists.

However, the way they choose to interact with the art is something to consider: is it appreciative of the musicality, or is it just something slapped on for self-promotion reasons because the algorithm tells you it's trending? Here it is important to remember that social media platforms, especially Instagram, have increasingly veered away from a place for friends to share their day-to-day, heading instead towards a visually-aesthetic, perfectly customised marketplace.

Compare this to attending concerts. Concerts are probably the most immersive music experience an artist can provide, by both engaging the listener, and also showcasing their art in its rawest, truest form. But what happens when a song is no longer tied to the artist, but rather a trend? It brings to question not just what musicians value, but also, what fans want. And as artists increasingly drop singles made for the internet, will albums become obsolete? Rather than concerts with one main performer, will venues have to accommodate multiple artists who perform just a handful of trendy songs?

Of course, the latter question is unlikely, at least in the near future. But it's clear that TikTok and Instagram have left a lasting impact on the music industry, and our music consumption patterns.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

A quiz on Armistice Day that is observed on November 11 to mark the day World War I ended at 11 a.m. in 1918

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
Where in France was the Armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany?

QUESTION 2
What is the day called in the Commonwealth and the United States?

QUESTION 3
What idea, penned by an Australian journalist Edward George Honey in a May 1919 letter, has now become part of a ritual followed on this day?

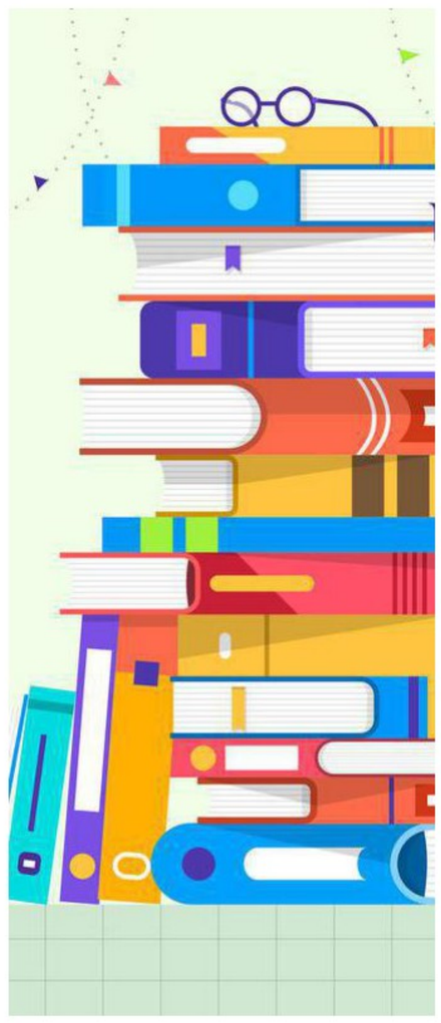
QUESTION 4
What is the Edward Lutyens-designed war memorial in London, where the British monarch and others lay wreaths, called and where in London is it located?

QUESTION 5
Though the Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918, which treaty officially ended World War I?

QUESTION 6
Which famous song by Irving Berlin debuted in its current form on an Armistice Day broadcast in 1938?

What flowers, associated with the Day, is being projected on the Sydney Opera House on the centenary of the end of WWI? REUTERS

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Who posted the first Twitter message, "just setting up my twttr"? **Ans: Jack Dorsey**
2. The 2009 version of the Twitter logo was named 'Larry' after which NBA star? **Ans: Larry Bird**
3. Name the metadata tag used to enable cross-referencing of content. **Ans: Hashtag**
4. Which historical limit did Twitter change in 2017? **Ans: The 140 character-limit was doubled to 280**
5. Which feature was launched after Twitter was slammed by Kanye West and sued by Tony La Russa? **Ans: Verified accounts/blue ticks**
6. Name Twitter's most followed account that belongs to an American politician. **Ans: Barack Obama**
Visual: Name the former CEO and his initiative to develop a decentralised social network protocol. **Ans: Parag Agrawal, Project Bluesky**
Early Birds: Amrit George | Saeedha Shirin | Vijeta Rao | Rupam Kumari | Ravi Mathai | Suresh Kumar



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"Sir, Mr. D. Jagannadha Rao of Bhubaneswar wants to know the difference between 'present' and 'presently'.

" 'Presently' in British English means 'soon, after a short time'.

The boss will be here presently.

The meeting will begin presently.

Please sit down. She will be with you presently.

In American and Scottish English, it means 'now, at present'.

He is presently shooting a film.

He is presently editing a book.

British speakers are also beginning to use 'presently' in the sense of 'now'. I don't have to explain to you the meaning of 'present'."

"Sir, Mrs. Bhama Ramalingam of Hyderabad wants to know whether 'on the eve of' can be used to mean 'at the time of'."

"No. 'On the eve of' means 'evening or day before any date or event, time just before anything'.

He met with an accident on the eve of his examination.

He gave a grand party on New Year's eve.

The expression is generally used in writing and on formal occasions. It is not used in conversation. You would sound pompous if you used it in your conversation."

Sir, Mr. Ravindra Kumar of Chirala wants to know the difference in pronunciation between 'quiet' and 'quite'."

"You know how to pronounce 'white'. Add 'k' before 'w' and you get the pronunciation of 'quite'. The word has only syllable. 'Quiet' has two syllables; it rhymes with 'riot' and 'diet'.

Be quiet. He is quite right.

"What's the meaning of 'chew over', sir?"

" 'To chew over' means 'consider something carefully and slowly'.

I can't say anything about it now. I'll chew it over and let you know next week.

How are you going to chew over the matter?

Please let me have your opinion now. I hope I have made myself clear. Let's call it a day."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

Word of the day

Coterminous:
having same boundaries, or being of equal extent

Synonyms:
connecting, neighbouring, adjacent

Usage: *France is coterminous with Italy*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/3hsMqqq

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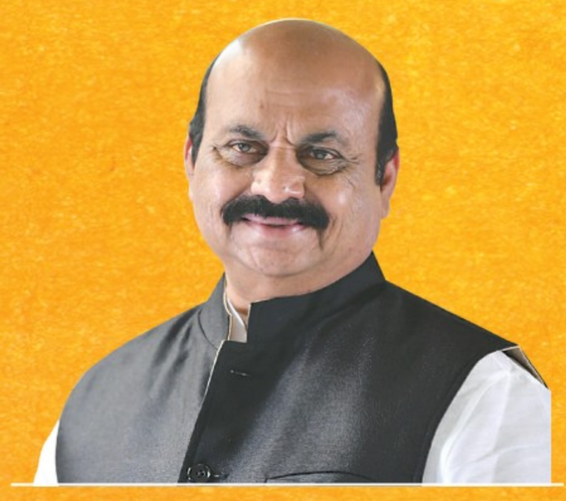

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Inauguration of Terminal-2 of Kempegowda International Airport

11:30 am

- Doubles the efficiency of KIA, Bengaluru
- Design based on sustainability principles
- Environment-friendly
- Innovative and customer-centric
- Reflects Karnataka's heritage and culture

Unveiling of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda's 108-ft 'Statue of Prosperity' and Inauguration of Theme Park

12:00 noon

Venue: Near Kempegowda International Airport

- Bengaluru was founded by Nadaprabhu Kempegowda.
- The statue has been installed near Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru.
- **Height:** 108 ft (The 90-ft bronze statue is mounted on an 18-ft concrete pedestal).
- **Metal used:** 100 tonnes of bronze for the statue and 120 tonnes of steel for the pedestal
- The theme park is being built around the statue.

Flagging off of Mysuru-Chennai Vande Bharat Express

10:20 am

Venue: Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru

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Flagging off of Karnataka Bharat Gaurav Kashi Darshan Train

10:20 am

Venue: Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru

- Offers 8-day tour package at discounted rates for pilgrims
- Covers holy places, including Varanasi, Ayodhya and Prayagraj
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Vir Das puts off his show in city

The Hindu Janjagruti Samiti had filed a complaint with the Vyalikaval police against the show, saying 'it hurts the religious sentiments of Hindus and shows India in bad light'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Comedian Vir Das announced that his Bengaluru show scheduled on Thursday has been put off. This comes close on the heels of a petition by a Hindutva outfit demanding its cancellation. However, Mr. Das not cited reasons for the cancellation.

On Instagram, Mr. Das said, "Due to unavoidable circumstances, we are pushing the Bengaluru show. New details and dates soon. Sorry for the inconvenience." He also said those who had paid for the tickets will have the option to transfer them to the new date. Incidentally, the Hindu Janjagruti Samiti, a Hindutva outfit, had filed a complaint with the Vyalikaval police against the Vir Das show seeking its cancellation. The show was scheduled at the Chowdiah Memorial Hall in Malleswaram on Thursday. No one from the hall was available for comments.

Vir Das

Complaint

The spokesman of HJS, in his complaint, said that the comedy show "hurts the religious sentiments of Hindus and shows India in bad light." He accused Mr. Das of making derogatory statements against women and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a show held in Washington DC. A case was registered by the Mumbai and Delhi police as it was a serious offense under IPC, he said in his complaint.

In the last year, at least three programmes were cancelled in Bengaluru by the police and other authorities, acting on petitions submitted by Hindu Janjagruti Samiti (HJS), a sister organisation of Goa-based Hindutva organisation Sanatan Sanstha.

Two Nigerian nationals arrested, synthetic drugs worth ₹25 lakh seized

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The narcotics wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Thursday arrested two Nigerian nationals and recovered synthetic drugs worth ₹25 lakh which they were allegedly peddling in the city.

Officials said the accused were staying at a rented house in Bagalagunte for the last six years and peddling drugs to their customers, who are college students and employees at private firms and small-time businessmen.

The accused had come to the city six years ago on student visa and returned home. The duo had come again on business visa and overstayed to peddle drugs, they added.

Using their contacts, they would source the drugs from neighbouring States and sell it to their customers.

The police have booked the duo under the NDPS Act and are probing their network.

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The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process, in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended ("**SCRR**") read with Regulation 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended (the "**SEBI ICDR Regulations**"). This Offer is in compliance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not more than 50% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("**QIBs**" and such portion the "**QIB Portion**") provided that our Company and the Selling Shareholders, in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("**Anchor Investor Portion**"), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. In the event of under-subscription or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the Net QIB Portion. Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIBs (other than Anchor Investors) including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders out of which (a) one third of such portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than ₹ 200,000 and up to ₹ 1,000,000; and (b) two third of such portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than ₹ 1,000,000, provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to applicants in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Bidders and not less than 35% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders ("**RIB**") in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. All Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("**ASBA**") process by providing details of their respective ASBA accounts and UPI ID (in case of UPI Bidders), in which case the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs or under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable to participate in the Offer. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion of the Offer through the ASBA process. For details, see *"Offer Procedure"* on page 416 of the RHP.

Bidders/Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN and the Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through UPI Mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID and Client ID as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders/Applicants' sole risk.
Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with Central Board of Direct Taxes notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021.

CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF OUR COMPANY AS REGARDS ITS OBJECTS: For information on the main objects of our Company, investors are requested to see "*History and Certain Corporate Matters*" beginning on page 219 of the RHP and Clause III(A) of the Memorandum of Association of our Company. The Memorandum of Association of our Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, see "*Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection*" beginning on page 447 of the RHP.

LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMPANY: Limited by shares.

AMOUNT OF SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of our Company is ₹ 550,000,000 divided into 550,000,000 Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 1 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity share capital of our Company is ₹ 291,366,120 divided into 291,366,120 Equity Shares of face value ₹ 1 each . For details of the capital structure of our Company, see "*Capital Structure*" beginning on page 66 of the RHP.

NAMES OF THE INITIAL SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF OUR COMPANY AND THE NUMBER OF EQUITY SHARES SUBSCRIBED BY THEM: The initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association of our Company are R. Varalakshmi, R. Baskaran, D.Meera, R. Suguna, M.K. Mohan, S.D.V Chandru, K.Dhinakaran, C.Kalavathy and C.Suguanthi who subscribed to 10 equity shares each, bearing face value of ₹ 100. For details of the share capital history and capital structure of our Company see "*Capital Structure*" beginning on page 66 of the RHP.

LISTING: The Equity Shares to be Allotted through the RHP are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received 'in-principle' approvals from BSE and NSE for the listing of the Equity Shares pursuant to their letters dated December 2, 2021 and December 3, 2021, respectively. For the purposes of the Offer, the Designated Stock Exchange shall be NSE. A signed copy of the RHP has been delivered and the Prospectus shall be delivered to the RoC in accordance with Sections 26(4) and 32 of the Companies Act, 2013. For details of the material contracts and documents available for inspection from the date of the RHP up to the Bid/ Offer Closing Date, see *"Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection"* beginning on page 447 of the RHP.

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SUB-SYNDICATE MEMBERS: Almondz Global Securities Ltd.; Amrapali Capital & Finance Services Ltd.; Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers Ltd.; Axis Capital Limited; Centrum Broking Limited; Centrum Wealth Management Ltd.; Choice Equity Broking Private Limited; Dalal & Broacha Stock Broking Private Limited; DB(International) Stock Brokers Ltd.; Eureka Stock & Share Broking Services Ltd.; Finwizard Technology Pvt. Ltd.; HDFC Securities Limited; IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited; IFCI Financial Services Ltd.; IIFL Securities Ltd.; JM Financial Services Limited; Jobanputra Fiscal Services Private Limited; KJMC Capital Market Services Limited; LKP Securities Limited; Inventure Growth & Securities Ltd.; Motilal Oswal Securities Limited; Nirmal Bang Securities Pvt. Ltd.; Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt Ltd.; Pravin Ratilal Share & Stock Brokers Limited; Religare; RR Equity Brokers Private Limited; SBIcap Securities Limited; Sharekhan Ltd.; SMC Global Securities Limited; Systematix Shares and Stocks (India) Limited; Trade Bulls Securities (P) Ltd.; Viren M Shah; Way2Wealth Brokers Private Limited and YES Securities (India) Limited.

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SPONSOR BANKS: ICICI Bank Limited and HDFC Bank Limited.

UPI: UPI Bidders can also Bid through UPI Mechanism.

All capitalised terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the RHP.

For **FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED**
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: Chennai
Date: November 10, 2022

FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offer of its Equity Shares and has filed a draft red herring prospectus dated November 9, 2021 read along with the addendum dated June 8, 2022 (the "**DRHP**") and has filed the RHP with the RoC and thereafter with Securities and Exchange Board of India ("**SEBI**") and the Stock Exchanges. The RHP is available on the website of the SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in as well as on the websites of the BRLMs i.e., ICICI Securities Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, Edelweiss Financial Services Limited at www.edelweissfin.com, Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com/ and Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited at www.nomuraholdings.com/company/group/asia/india/index.html, the website of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and the website of the BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, respectively. Any potential investor should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risks, see "*Risk Factors*" beginning on page 22 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the DRHP for any investment decision.

The Equity Shares offered in the Offer have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or any state law of the United States and, unless so registered, may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Accordingly, the Equity Shares are being offered and sold (i) within the United States only to persons reasonably believed to be "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act) pursuant to Section 4(a) of the Securities Act, and (ii) outside the United States in "offshore transactions" as defined in and in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act and the applicable laws of the jurisdictions where those offers and sales are made. There will be no public offering of the Equity Shares in the United States.

CONCEPT

NAVA KARNATAKA
FOR NAVA BHARAT

Social Justice - The Cornerstone Of All Round Development

Historic Decisions For The Welfare Of The SC/ST And Backward Classes

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Floral Tribute to the Statues of Dasashreshta Kanakadasa and Maharshi Valmiki by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

November 11, 2022 | 9.45 am | Venue: Vidhanasoudha, Bengaluru

State Government Schemes

Welfare of SC/ST

- Ordinance passed to increase the reservation for **SC from 15% to 17%** and for **ST from 3% to 7%**
- Separate Secretariat formed for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes
- Inclusion of the **Bettakuruba** community under ST by Central Govt.
- **Rs. 115 crore** of additional grants for the Valmiki Development Corporation
- Under Land Ownership Scheme, land procurement unit cost increased from Rs.15 lakh to **Rs. 20 lakh.**
- Free electricity to BPL SC/ST families raised from 45 units to **75 units**
- Construction of 100 Ambedkar Hostels and 10 KREIS Residential School buildings at a cost of **Rs.750 crore**

Welfare of the Backward Classes

- **Rs. 15 crore** worth of development works by the Kaginele Development Authority
- Implementation of the 'Amrutha Swabhimani Kurigahi Scheme' at a cost of **Rs. 354 crore**
- Construction of **50 new hostels** in the name of Kanakadasa
- Additional grants of **Rs.398 crore** for all the corporations of Backward Classes Welfare Department
- Sanctioning number in post-metric hostels **increased by 25%** in 2022-23 at a cost of **Rs. 74 crore.** 30,000 more students have been additionally accommodated.

Government of India Schemes

- **Rs. 40 crore** worth of scholarships released for 1st to 10th standard students
- **Rs. 68.75 crore** worth of scholarships released in the current year for students studying from PU to PG courses

Construction of new hostels

- **Rs. 7.5 crore** released in 2020-21 for construction of 5 new hostels in Dharwad District

Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

November 15 has been declared as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas to remember the contribution of tribal freedom fighters. It marks the birth anniversary of Shri Birsa Munda, who led anti-colonial movements.

- Construction of **2742 houses** for the benefit of Jenukuruba and Koraga community people at a cost of **Rs. 103 crore**
- Approval for **Rs. 72 crore** for construction of 14 student hostels for SC students. **Rs. 58 crore** released.
- 507 villages comprising 50% SC population selected under the PM Adi Adarsha Gram Yojana. **Rs. 31.28 crore** released for development of infrastructure in 197 villages for 2021-22 and 2022-23
- **Rs. 17.53 crore** released to provide scholarships for SC students studying from 9 to 10th standard
- **Rs. 173.81 crore** grants released to provide scholarships for post-metric SC students. Scholarships already paid to **1,28,000 students**.

Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas is the dream of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Accordingly, our government is committed to the development of the SC/ST and Backward Classes. Social justice and equal opportunities have brought light to the lives of oppressed people.

- Basavaraj S. Bommai

Kanakadasa Jayanthi wishes to everyone

As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

Watch the program live on DD News

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INBRIEF

Power disruption in city on Saturday and Sunday

There will be no power supply on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in areas serviced by EPIP 220/66/11 KV GIS Station for carrying out quarterly maintenance works. According to a release from BESCOM, the areas to be affected are: Chinnappana Halli, Annaiah Reddy Layout, AECS C Block, Veerappa Reddy Layout, Vinayaka Layout, Maruthi Layout, Silver Spring Road, ITPL Main Road, BEML Layout, Doddanekundi Extension and surrounding areas.

BU pensioners told to submit life certificate by Dec. 31

Bangalore University has urged its pensioners/family pensioners to submit their life certificates to the Finance Officer attested by the managers of respective bank branches or by the officers of Bangalore University by post. Bangalore University in a release said that pensioners/family pensioners can submit the life certificate by December 31.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 11, Friday), the following explainer is available:

- Russia's withdrawal from Kherson
bit.ly/khersonwithdrawal

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access this article. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access the article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

Roads get a facelift ahead of PM visit; CM says pothole filling part of ongoing work

Modi will be in Bengaluru to inaugurate the Vande Bharat Express and Terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport; Aam Aadmi Party launches agitation demanding that the Prime Minister come to the city once a month if the roads have to be good at all times

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on Friday, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) gave a major facelift to roads in and around Majestic area in the city.

Fresh asphalt has been done in Gubbi Thotadappa Road connecting Shantala Circle and Sangolli Rayanna Circle and potholes were also filled. BBMP officials claimed that the pothole filling is part of the ongoing work and not for the Prime Minister's visit to the city.

Mr. Modi will be in the city to inaugurate the Vande Bharat Express and Terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). He will be visiting city railway station in Majestic to inaugurate South India's first Vande Bharat Express train.

Tushar Girinath, BBMP's Chief Commissioner, said apart from filling potholes, the BBMP is also pruning branches on the route where the Prime Minister is travelling.

Till Tuesday, the BBMP claimed that it had filled 29,517 out of 32,011 potholes identified in the city. BBMP said it has filled 92.21% of potholes in the city. The recent spell of rain has further deteriorated the condition of the city roads with several thousands of new potholes and bad stretches appearing. Around six people were killed owing to potholes in Bengaluru over the last year.

(Clockwise from left) Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Ministers R. Ashok and C.N. Ashwath Narayan, and Karnataka BJP in-charge Arun Singh inspecting the Kempe Gowda statue; a road outside KSR Railway Station that was repaired ahead of the Prime Minister's visit; and a pothole-ridden Railway Parallel Road, near Nehru circle, in Seshadripuram, Bengaluru, on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND K. MURALI KUMAR

The opposition Congress alleged that the government is filling the potholes only because of the Prime Minister's visit.

Reacting to the allegations, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "Pothole filling is a routine work and the work will be completed in another four days."

AAP protest

On the other hand, the Aam Aadmi Party launched an agitation demanding that Mr. Modi come once a month if the roads in Bengaluru have to be good at all times. AAP activists held placards against the government on Thursday on the road opposite to Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna railway station and near Dattatreya temple road in Malleswaram in the afternoon. Activists protesting near the railway station were detained. Speaking to the media, AAP's Bengaluru president Mohan Dasari said, "The State government has least concern for the common man. Though many motorists have fallen because of potholes, the government has not bothered. Now the potholes are repaired and closed in a hurry because Mr. Modi is coming. Only the roads that are planned for the Prime Minister's travel are being repaired. It is evident that Mr. Bommai's sole intention is to please Mr. Modi and become the CM candidate in the next elections."

Schedule

- **9 a.m.**: Arrives at HAL airport
- **9.45 a.m.**: Floral tributes to saints Kanakadasa and Valmiki
- **10.20 a.m.**: Flagging off of Vande Bharat train and Bharat Gaurav Kashi Darshan train
- **11.30 a.m.**: KIA Terminal 2 inauguration
- **Noon:** Unveiling of 108-feet bronze statue of Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda
- **12.30 p.m.**: Public address
- **1.45 p.m.**: Departure from Bengaluru

One arrested for house break-in

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kadugodi police on Thursday arrested a 38-year-old house break-in thief and recovered valuables worth ₹10 lakh from him.

The accused Santosh from Kolar was arrested based on a house break-in theft complaint from a Kadugodi resident, after which a special team of police analysed CCTV cameras and tracked him down.

The accused confessed that he would come to the city from his hometown and move around residential areas to identify locked houses. After zeroing in on a house, he would keep a watch for sometime before breaking into it. He has mastered the skill of breaking into any house through different methods, a police officer said.

Case registered

The police have registered a case against him and are investigating further to ascertain his criminal background.

Siddaramaiah, DKS ask Modi to respond to questions on corruption

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to respond to questions on corruption and governance-related issues in Karnataka, Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar said anything less would be violation of every Kannadiga's constitutional right and the very spirit of democracy that the nation was built upon.

Their demand on Thursday, ahead of Mr. Modi's visit to Bengaluru, came at a joint press conference. They also wrote to the Prime Minister listing out their demands.

'Shocking inaction'

"As you arrive, it is our duty to bring to your attention the pathetic state of affairs due to corrupt BJP government in Karnataka and the shocking inaction by the Union government," the leaders said, adding that instead of taking Karnataka forward on the path of progress, the BJP government has caused great suffering through its rampant corruption and unfulfilled promises.

> We have asked 70 questions to the BJP about all the failed promises and more. It is extremely disappointing that in light of the State's situation worsening by the day, these questions don't even warrant acknowledgement.
> CONGRESS

Stating that the BJP government in the State has become synonymous with corruption with being 40% sarkar, Congress leaders said that adding to the burden of corruption, the BJP has betrayed people of Karnataka by not fulfilling its promises made in the 2018 manifesto with 90% of the over 600 promises remaining unfulfilled.

"We have till date asked 70 questions to the BJP about all the failed promises and more, but all of them have fallen on deaf ears. It is extremely disappointing that in light of the State's situation worsening by the day, these questions don't even warrant acknowledgement. While the State government remains silent, suffering of Kannadigas continues to grow," they said.

The leaders said that it is not just the State government that has betrayed Karnataka, but also the BJP government at the Centre with projects like Mahadayi, Upper Krishna and Mekedatu still not being implemented. "The people placed their faith in you by electing 25 MPs. What have they received in return for this trust? Only betrayed. This neglect by the Double Engine BJP governments is a great insult to our State's pride," they said.

Traffic diversions from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Traffic has been diverted in and around the city owing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on Friday. Traffic diversions will remain in force from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), said that jurisdictional traffic police have earmarked the Hennur-Kothanur-Bagalur-Begur road for the use of airport passengers to avoid congestion. Airport road from Hebbal to BIAL, via Yelahanka, will lead to delays.

Traffic police have not only restricted parking and made diversions in CBD areas and routes with VIP movements, but also deployed police at strategic locations to monitor smooth flow of traffic.

The police have requested people to use the Outer Ring Road instead of entering the city between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Elaborating on the restrictions, Mr. Gowda said said due to VVIP movements, traffic restriction has been imposed in CBD area between 8 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., which includes Mekhri Circle , Cauvery junction, Ramana Maharshi road, Basaveshwara junction, Legislature house, Udyog Soudha, Sheshadri road, Anand Rao circle flyover, Majestic and railway station.

Similarly, commuter movement has been restricted at Mekhri circle, Hebbal junction, Kempegowda Airport elevated corridor between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HQ MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE

RESULT OF

UNIT HQ QUOTA AGNIVEER 2022

1. Candidates with following Roll No have been selected under Unit HQ quota of MEG & Centre for recruiting year 2022-23 :-

MEG/A.P/AGD/161022/140107	MEG/A.P/AGD/161022/140241	MEG/BIH/AGD/161022/140302
MEG/U.P/AGD/161022/140448	MEG/RAJ/AGD/161022/140296	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140313
MEG/HRY/AGD/161022/140253	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140077	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140112
MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140085	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140133	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140091
MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140137	MEG/KER/AGD/161022/140202	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140032
MEG/M.P/AGD/161022/140265	MEG/A.P/AGD/161022/140027	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140117
MEG/U.P/AGD/161022/140167	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140400	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140310
MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140004	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140339	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140034
MEG/U.P/AGD/161022/140457	MEG/KAR/AGD/161022/140451	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140155
MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140056	MEG/RAJ/AGD/161022/140385	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140306
MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140425	MEG/RAJ/AGD/161022/140342	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140519
MEG/KAR/AGD/161022/140522	MEG/HRY/AGD/161022/140540	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140423
MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140521	MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140325	MEG/A.P/AGD/161022/140151
MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140197	MEG/KER/AGD/161022/140452	MEG/KER/AGD/161022/140291
MEG/U.P/AGD/161022/140061	MEG/A.P/AGD/161022/140336	MEG/A.P/AGD/161022/140035
MEG/HRY/AGD/161022/140063	MEG/A.P/AGD/161022/140235	MEG/A.P/AGD/161022/140396
MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140280	MEG/A.P/AGD/161022/140040	MEG/BIH/AGD/161022/140443
MEG/T.N/AGD/161022/140130	MEG/KAR/AGD/161022/140207	[TOTAL 55 (FIFTY FIVE ONLY)]
MEG/A.P/AGD/161022/140439	MEG/KAR/AGD/161022/140351	

2 Call letters for joining have been despatched on registered addresses on 09 November 2022, by registered post. Candidates are required to report to MEG & Centre, Sivanchetty Garden, Bangalore, PIN-560042 on 26th December 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS is to notify the General Public that my client, **Sri. Sudhakara Poojari,** S/o. Sri. K. Narasimha Poojari, (**Mobile No. 9110670233**) has lost in transit on 06.11.2022 at Bengaluru the Registered absolute **Sale Deed dated 17-04-2007** related to the property mentioned in the Schedule, executed by **Sri.K.B. Boraiah,** S/o. Late Bettagowda in favour of Sri. T. Prakash S/o. Late Thammaiah and registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru vide **document No. BSG-1-000325-2007-08** & recorded in **CD No. BSGD94 on 18-04-2007** and the said document is not traceable, if found return to the under signed and will be rewarded.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece parcel of the property bearing Site No. 497 (four hundred ninety seven), Sunkenahalli Layout, carved out of Gavipura Village Sy. No.3 (three) and 69 (sixty nine), measuring **East to West 39'-0"** (thirty nine) feet and **North to South 20'-00" Feet** within the vicinity of Ward No.52 of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike at Bhavaninagara, Kaniska Maharaja Road bearing **No.497/57(PID No. 52-53-57)** and bounded on

East by: Site No. 948/A, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 497/A & South by: Road.

Narji A. Sadananda, Advocate,
No.41, 2nd Flr, 1st Mn Rd, Nagendra Blk, BSK 1st Stage, Blore- 50. **Ph: 94805-14262**
Place: Bengaluru, Date: 09-11-2022

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division,
R.R. Nagara Zone, BBMP Office Building,
2nd Floor, Neharu Road, BEML Layout, Bengaluru-560 098.

No.BBMP/EE/Proj/RRN/TEN/08/2022-23 Date: 10-11-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer (Project Division), BBMP Bengaluru, invites Tenders on item rate basis for the work mentioned below under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000 in prescribed format from the registered Service Provider/Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/ MES or any State Government Organisations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Amount (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in ₹.)
	(Two Cover System)		
1.	Additional Work for DOG Kennel Building Near Summanahalli Crematorium in Ward No.73 (New Ward No.45, Vijayanagar Krishna Devaraya)	78.91	1,58,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Documents can be downloaded from e-Procurement Website from: **14-11-2022 onwards. (2)** Last Date & Time for Tender Queries : **17-11-2022 up to 4:00 p.m. (3)** Pre-bid meeting at : **18-11-2022 at 4:00 p.m. (4)** Last Date for Submission of Tender document: **24-11-2022 up to 4:00 p.m. (5)** Opening of Technical Bid: **25-11-2022 at 4:30 p.m. (6)** Opening of Financial Bid: **Will be Intimated to the Technically Qualified Contractors.**

	(Single Cover System)		
2.	Maintenance and Repairs of School and College Buildings at Ward No.29, Vidhyamanyanagar, Yeshwanthpura Constituency.	50.00	1,00,000/-

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Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Project Division, R.R. Nagara Zone, BBMP.

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Children hold candlelight protest after missing school owing to traffic jam

Local residents say the long traffic snarls are a daily occurrence in many parts of Panathur; citizens demand immediate action from the local MLA and government authorities

Navya M.S.
BENGALURU

The notorious Bengaluru traffic, which has for years been a topic of discussion, has now led to children missing out on school. On Wednesday, several children in Panathur held a candlelight protest demanding the repair of roads and ease of traffic flow as they could not reach their school in the morning after being stuck in a traffic jam for 2.5 hours at the 'S' cross of the locality, which is infamous for its narrow road and traffic congestion.

In a video which went viral on Wednesday, rows of vehicles not moving an inch on one side were seen, while those coming from the other side of the narrow road were struggling to find their way.

Children holding a protest against traffic jam in Panathur, Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

This video and that of the children's candlelight protest garnered many responses on social media with citizens demanding immediate action from the Aravind Limbavali, MLA, and other government authorities. The residents said that long traffic snarls are a daily occurrence in many parts of Panathur, especially on the Panathur main road which connects to Marathahalli, Outer Ring Road and Narayanapura.

"The traffic peaks to its worst from 8 a.m. to noon and between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Vehicles on Varthur main road from Panathur to Kadubeesanahalli move at snail's pace and we have to wait for two to three hours to pass through this hectic road," said Sunil, a business owner in Panathur.

The residents also demanded that several roads in the locality should be widened as it is difficult for two-way traffic to pass on most of them.

"Do the authorities even care? Citizens will have to keep shaming them into action. When we say authorities, it's the ground level officials - you can't blame politicians. The contractors need to be held accountable by authorities but they don't," tweeted Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, founder, Biocon Limited, referring to the video.

HC castigates bank for harassing widow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has castigated a public sector bank for harassing a 73-year-old widow for seven months by denying her family pension and blocking her accounts after death of her husband over excess pension amount credited to her husband's account that she was not even aware of.

The court restrained Canara Bank from either withholding family pension due to her or asking her to repay the excess pension amount in lumpsum. While permitting the bank to deduct ₹4,000 every month from her monthly family pension amount of ₹13,000, the court directed the bank to refund amounts unilaterally recovered from her accounts.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Vimala Ramanath Pawar.

The bank, though has right to recover excess amount, could not have acted in reckless manner to recover the amount from the petitioner as excess payment was paid due to irresponsible and callous acts of the officers of bank's Centralised Pension Processing Centre as the government had not credited excess pension amount, the court observed.

The petitioner's husband was a retired employee of the State government and was receiving pension from the government since his retirement in 2002, and the role of the bank was limited to only crediting pension to his account in its receipt from the government.

However, instead of paying ₹38,604 as pension, the bank had credited ₹96,998 to the account of petitioner's husband every month between March 2019 and February 2021. The bank had not informed the petitioner's husband about excess payment and he had died in February 2021.

The petitioner, on receipt of bank's communication on excess payment, had sought time to respond. However, the bank had unilaterally withdrawn over ₹6 lakh from her account and blocked around ₹5 lakh in the account.

INBRIEF

REVA University celebrates 7th annual convocation day

Former Vice-President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu on Wednesday said that we must come out of the colonial mindset at the earliest and take measures to Indianise the education system.

According to a press release from Reva University, addressing the gathering at the 7th annual convocation of REVA University as the chief guest, Mr. Naidu asserting the importance of education, said: "Education is not just for a degree. It should be for enlightenment, enhancement, and empowerment". He also stressed on the importance of giving equal status to women and men. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot awarded the degrees to the students.

3-day Kadalekai Parishe in Malleswaram from Saturday

The Kaadu Malleshwara Geleyara Balaga is organising a three-day Kadalekai Parishe from Saturday on Sri Kaadu Mallikarjuna Temple premises. Speaking to presspersons here on Thursday, Balaga president B.K. Shivaram said arrangements have been made to set up 400 stalls from Malleswaram 8th to 16th Cross. The parishe will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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RISE 21:00 SET 09:30

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PU dropout arrested for stealing expensive cameras

The Hindu Bureau
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The police said the accused wanted to earn money by making reels and short clips, and uploading it on social media

The Yeshwanthpur police on Thursday arrested a 21-year-old PU college dropout for allegedly stealing expensive cameras for his business venture.

The accused Prajwal, on November 8, booked a expensive camera lens and two pairs of ear pods of a reputed brand online with a cash-on-delivery option. Suresh K., inspector, Yeshwanthpur police, who cracked the case, said Prajwal deliberately mentioned a wrong address at Ambedkarnagar in Yeshwanthpur and gave the contact number after stealing a SIM.

When the delivery executive could not locate the address and called Prajwal on the number, he came to collect the delivery and escaped without payment after diverting his attention.

Based on a complaint, the police gathered CCTV footage from in and around the area and managed to get the bike registration number of Prajwal, which he used to speed away. After getting the residential address of the bike, the police arrested him.

The police said Prajwal confessed that he wanted to earn money by making reels and short clips uploaded on social media. As he needed professional cameras for the project, he started stealing. Prajwal also confessed that he had stolen two cameras earlier, said the police.

At functions

Posing as a guest from the groom's side, Prajwal attended a wedding function and befriended the photographer and moved around with him for some time. When the photographer was having lunch, he stole his camera and escaped. Using similar modus operandi, he had stolen another camera from a photographer at another wedding, Mr. Suresh said. Based on his information, the police recovered two cameras, lenses and two pairs of ear pods totally worth ₹3.2 lakh from him.

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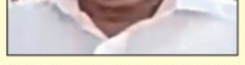

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BBMP's trucks dumping garbage in Mittaganahalli quarry pit in north Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

Bengaluru's trash is no man's treasure

Many years after dumping of waste in landfills was stopped, residents who live around them continue to suffer from health issues. In its 2022-23 budget, the BBMP set aside ₹300 crore for landfills despite opposition

Jahnavi T. R. and
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Seven years ago, 20 trucks full of garbage started to come to our village. We did not know at the time that this was the beginning of a dangerous threat to our lives. We only got to know after four years when our borewell water turned dark, and I had to undergo a surgery after an infection in my throat," said Jayram Xavier, a 65-year-old resident of Bingipura village, who is staying near the abandoned landfill site in southern Bengaluru.

Mr. Xavier, a resident of the locality for 40 years, said that after repeated protests, only four years ago, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) stopped dumping garbage. However, residents continue to suffer.

The BBMP had to shut down the site following persistent protests. After this, residents are asking the authorities to turn the abandoned landfill into a mini forest and rejuvenate the nearby lake so that the pollution will be controlled, but residents say the authorities have not done anything so far. It has been more than 20 years since the civic body drafted the first Solid Waste Management (SWM) rules in 2000, but the BBMP is yet to implement the rules, which includes avoiding landfill dumping. Instead, the BBMP continues to dump in landfills and is searching for new quarries to dump the city's waste.

Health hazards

The journey towards the Mittaganahalli landfill, one of the city's largest, where tonnes of solid waste gets dumped by the BBMP every day, starts with an unbearable stench. Those who live in the vicinity of this landfill in Bellahalli and Mittaganahalli villages are plagued by various health problems and infrastructural worries. If locals are to be believed, at least eight members have died in the last couple of months after developing ailments due to the polluted water and air.

The Bellahalli quarry was closed in 2019, but the closure provided no relief as the Mittaganahalli landfill, where the dumping began around three years ago, is at a distance where it can still cause them problems. The residents in around 2,000 homes previously only depended on borewell water as the Cauvery water connection had not reached there. Now, with the leachate seeping into the groundwater, they are forced to rely on water tankers and water cans. This has led to the water tankers charging up to ₹500 per load.

"At least one member of every family is seriously affected by this polluted air and water. Most of us face respiratory issues and digestive tract diseases", said Katappa, a resident of Bellahalli.

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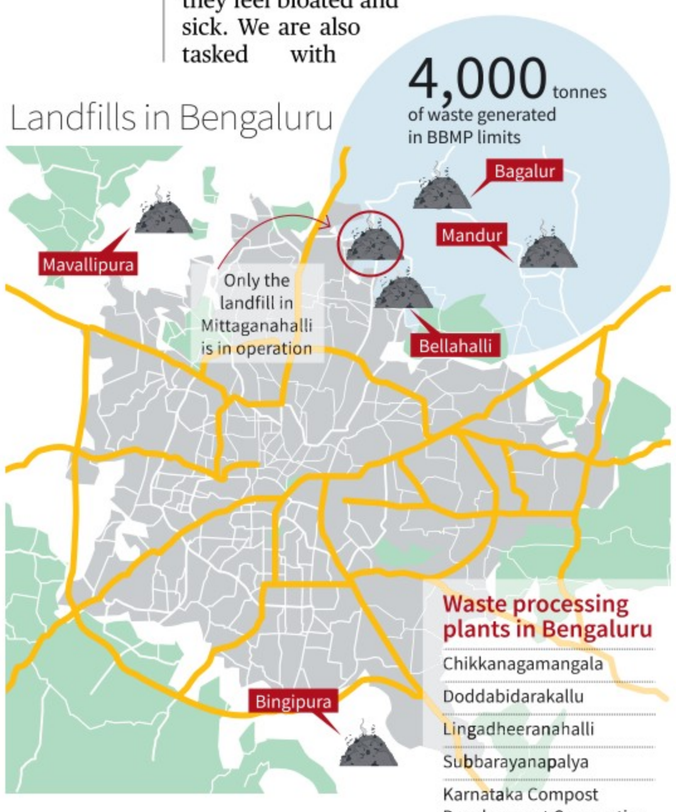
> Resident of Bellahalli

Migration to better areas

Going further towards the village of Mittaganahalli, one will be greeted by flocks of kites flying over the huge mounds of garbage and various crushing companies. With only 40 to 50 houses inside the village, the villagers said that most people have left their homes and migrated to better areas. "Those who belong to the second generation have all mostly left this area. Those who have money manage to get quality food and buy water from outside. But what is the case with the poor? They cannot afford to buy water. The BBMP has installed a filter, but the purity is still not enough", remarked Channakrishne Gowda.

A senior citizen, Mariyappa, said that many people find it difficult to breathe, irrespective of their ages. "After walking just a few metres, we feel very tired," he said. Cattle and sheep and other animals and birds also bear the brunt of the pollution. "The sheep and cows get fever suddenly and they also get stomach problems and they feel bloated and sick. We are also tasked with keeping the dogs which come to eat the garbage away from our animals as they have turned quite ferocious," said Lalitha, a shepherdess in Mittaganahalli.



Matrimonial alliances affected

Living near the closed Mavallipura landfill, Vijayamma is now relieved. "Over the last two years, they have stopped dumping waste here and they are also taking whatever they had dumped here to Bellahalli.

Vijayamma also mentioned another social problem faced by those who live near landfills. "No one wants their daughters to get married to men who live near landfills. We used to have a lot of trouble finding brides for our boys. There have also been instances when families would not want to marry girls from here for the same reason."

BBMP spends ₹300 crore for landfills

In the 2022-23 budget, the BBMP allocated ₹1,469 crore for solid waste management, of which ₹300 crore are set aside for landfills despite there being severe opposition to them. BBMP has allocated ₹100 crores for the design, establishment and operations of scientific landfills in the city. "Instead of allocating money to decentralised SWM facilities and wet waste processing plants, the palike is allocating funds to landfills, which are not scientific landfills. The city should have scientific landfills only and should avoid mixed waste entering the landfill," Wilma Rodrigues, Founder and CEO, of Saahas Zero Waste, told *The Hindu*.

Landfills following rules: BBMP

The BBMP officials, meanwhile, say that the landfills are operated with the consent of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and following all the rules by conducting an environmental impact assessment report. The BBMP has allocated ₹75 crores for scientific landfills at balance pits of Mittaganahalli and bunds development and ₹125 crores for village improvement works surrounding landfills, ₹20 crores for maintenance of landfills and 12 crores for tipping charges, officials said.

With reference to the closed landfills, the officials said in Bingipura, the Bengaluru district administration has planted saplings in the closed landfills. A BBMP official said, "In Mavallipura, we are transferring the garbage to Mittaganahalli to avoid bad odour in the nearby places."

Bengaluru's waste management

8	zones
713 sq.km.	area
29 lakh	households
27	divisions
27	mechanical sweepers
587	mustering locations
4,646	auto tippers
593	compactors
18,500	pourakarmikas

Source: BBMP

The garbage that has been dumped at Mittaganahalli quarry pit in Bengaluru K. MURALI KUMAR

Residents unhappy, but BBMP says adequate steps taken

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

To avoid the dumping of garbage in the landfills, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), in the last few years, has set up seven wet waste processing plants in various parts of the city, which, over the period, has had to face citizens' protests over stench from these plants.

The plants were closed for one reason or the other for at least a few months in a year due to the various court cases. They have been reopened, and are operating in a smaller capacity. According to BBMP officials, the processing plants are operating by taking in limited wet waste to process so that it will not create any discomfort to the public.

For instance, the Lingadheeranahall plant is only taking wet waste from 12 trucks which come from the east zone. A plant manager said, "After protests from residents about the stench, we cut down the processing in the plant and allow only limited garbage trucks."

Controlling stench

BBMP officials say that various measures have been taken to control odour. An official from the east division said, "When it rains, there is no way the odour could be controlled. We had installed bio-filters, but the workers at the plant complained that it was claustrophobic and difficult to work. Earlier, at one plant, at least 200 vehicles used to come. But now, we have allowed only 15 to 20 vehicles."

Rajasekhara Murthy, a resident near the Lingadheeranahalli plant, said, "Due to the bad stench, people who have constructed houses here have left them and shifted to other places, while many have not even constructed houses in their plot and planning to sell them, but no one is ready to purchase them due to the processing plants."

According to the BBMP website, the seven plants now have 1,570 TPD processing capacity. The High Court, on multiple occasions, has directed the BBMP to revive all seven waste processing plants and run them at optimum capacity while pointing out that no one has the authority to shut down waste processing plants.

In the Karnataka Compost Development Corporation, Kudlu, for years, the Kudlu, Hosapalya, Harlur, Somasundarapalya and Prangipalya (KHHSP) Residents' Welfare Association has been demanding that the plant be shut down if it cannot be run as per the norms.

Prasanna Kumar, a resident who is running a shop near the plant, said, "When the garbage trucks arrive in the morning, it is very difficult and the stench from the plant will be overwhelming since they have not installed air monitors."

New waste management body

The residents and officials hope that the new waste management body, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) may revive the plants and maintain them as per the standard operating procedures. An official from one of the processing plants said the new body is yet to take over the plants, but if it does, the plants can be revived and get more funds and come up with solutions to various issues faced by the plants.

Another resident from Doddabidarakallu, Mahesh Kumar, said, "The plant is not adhering to the prescribed norms. Members of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board visited the plant a couple of years ago and found SOPs were not being followed. At least a new dedicated body will come up with solutions, we hope."

C&D waste processing plants

Meanwhile, the BBMP is planning to set up construction and demolition (C&D) waste processing plants in the city. A senior BBMP official said, "To clear close to 2,500 tonnes of C&D waste generated in the city, under the public private partnership model, we are planning to set up five new C&D waste processing plants. We are preparing a comprehensive plan for setting up plants."

The BBMP is sending C&D waste to units in Chikkajala, Jigani, and Kannur. At these plants, the concrete part of the waste is separated both manually and using mechanised segregation.

"Magnetic separators are used to pick the metal. The concrete part of the waste will be crushed and washed to make cement kerbs, hollow bricks or manufactured sand. The plastic and wood waste will be sent to waste-to-energy plants. Metal is sold as scrap, thereby ensuring almost all waste is recycled and reused," an official from BBMP explained.

Rampant illegal dumping of C&D waste continues in the city, though marshals are penalising such people. "Some people dump C&D waste in the late night hours," said a marshal from the West zone. According to marshals, C&D waste is commonly found on lake beds and vacant plots in the city.

The upcoming craft chocolate fest promises to be an eye-opener on the entire bean-to-bar experience

The real magic beans Cacao in various stages of production; (below) Patrica Cosma. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Go cacao!

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If you did not know, what do you imagine cacao juice would taste like? Choco-nutty? Decadently divine? Well, it is a cross between peach, mangosteen and litchi! At the upcoming Indian Cacao & Craft Chocolate Festival to be held in Bengaluru this weekend, one will get to see the wide range of products gleaned from the cacao bean. Known primarily for its seed kernels that provide the origin source for chocolate, every part of a cacao pod can be used – from its husk to its pulp.

According to Patrica Cosma, a Bengaluru-based bean-to-bar chocolate consultant who co-founded the festival with Ketaki Churi, a chocolatier from Mumbai, their sole goal was to increase awareness of the versatility of cacao. "I felt the need to bring cocoa farmers, craft chocolate makers and others in the industry under the same roof as customers. India has amazing cacao; it is intercropped with so many different fruits and trees which results in interesting flavours and brilliant quality," says Patrica.

This also explains why so many brands such as Paul and Mike, which work with Indian-origin beans have been winning international awards.

Partha Varanashi of Varanashi Farms, one of the participants at the festival, has proved cacao cultivation can be organic. "We are a 200-year-old farm in Dakshina Kannada, growing cacao for the last 60 years. We not only encourage people to start small-scale chocolate-making startups, but we also talk about organic, regenerative farming methods and organic farming inputs such as bio-fertilisers, biopesticides as well as the required know-how," says Partha.

Apart from cacao beans and nibs, Varanashi Farms will bring cacao dates to the festival as well as dark and vegan milk chocolates, biofertilizers and organic compost which can be used for all plants.

For Pranoy Thipaiah of Kerehaklu Farms in Chikmagalur, there are a lot of parallels between coffee and chocolate, from the post-harvest processing to the tasting notes. "In the case of cacao it is the nibs, for coffee, it is the beans. There's a lot that both the industries have learnt and continually learn from each other."

Pranoy, who will be conducting an interactive session at the festival, believes the more conscious we are about what we consume, the more refined our palates become.

"It would be wonderful to see craft chocolate enjoy a similar interest that elevated specialty coffee does in India," says Patrica.

Another festival participant, Jessy Thankachen of Chempotty Farms in Mysore, feels cacao is seeing a big resurgence in India. "People have begun to realise that chocolatiers or persons who farm cacao are the real deal and so are their products. The festival is also a great platform to showcase how cacao is not just about chocolate; there are nearly 13 products one can craft from a single pod."

Raw cacao juice from the pulp can be used to make reduced cacao juice which is a glorified sauce or dip as well as cacao vinegar, while the roasted de-husked cacao bean can be turned into herbal tea or a spice powder to jazz up both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes.

While the sweet-toothed will make a beeline for such a fest, Patrica hopes pastry chefs and confectioners who currently work only with imported brands will widen their selection to include the many shades and flavours of Indian cacao there.

Patrica discovered her passion for craft chocolate seven years ago during her travels around Europe and has since then made it her mission to scout for cacao farms and factories. "The beans from every State and every farm have a different flavour," says the Romanian-born chocolate connoisseur who met Ketaki at a bean-to-bar chocolate making workshop in Coorg.

From getting your first taste of fresh cacao and learning how to pair cheese with chocolate, to musician Sneha Sridhar's chocolate-inspired ensemble, the Indian Cacao & Craft Chocolate Festival will be an eye-opener on the entire bean-to-bar experience.

The Indian Cacao & Craft Chocolate Festival will be held at Bangalore International Centre on November 12 and 13. For workshop details log on to Insider.in

Cacao in India is intercropped with many different fruits and trees resulting in interesting flavours

–PATRICA COSMA

'Bengaluru audience are the best'

Singer-composer Amit Trivedi, is looking forward to perform in the city

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If you have watched films such as *Wake Up Sid, Dev D, Manmarziyan* or *Secret Superstar,* and enjoyed the songs or the background score, you will be familiar with his name. Songs including 'Iktara' and 'Nachdi Phira' had all the ingredients to become a ear worm. Closer home, we saw his mastery in the Kannada film, *Butterfly*, directed by Ramesh Aravind.

The man behind these songs, Amit Trivedi, will perform live in Bengaluru on November 13 as part of the first edition of SteppinOut Carnival.

The singer-composer is all praise for Ramesh Aravind. "Ramesh was directing the Kannada version of *Queen, Butterfly.* It was a dream come true for me to work with him. I also got to listen to some very interesting life experiences of his journey in the industry."

Amit, who won the best music director award for *Queen,* is now looking forward to working more in Kannada films. "The success of *KGF* and *Kantara* has made the Kannada industry thrive and has become a pan-India industry".

Excited about performing live in Bengaluru, Amit says, "Bengaluru is one of the best places to perform as the audience here is among the best. They have immense respect for artistes. They value artistes and are open to various genres."

Having worked on jingles, theatre music, background scrore (BGS), composing and singing (playback and live shows), Amit feels background scores are the toughest. "You have fun in all the other genres of music. The challenge in BGS telling a story through music. Sure, a film has a story going on screen, but the score helps the audience feel and connect with the emotion. It tells you where the mood on screen is happy, sad and so on."

Known for his work in films such as *Gunjan Saxena-The Kargil Girl, Bulbbul, Mission Mangal,* Amit does not stick to one genre. "Every genre is special in its own way," says the singer, who is currently training in Western classical music.

On songs becoming an anthem, Amit says, a song is an important marketing tool. "In a film, it helps in taking the story forward and connects emotions, but outside the film, it needs to create a buzz so people know about the film. Good music also draw an audience to a theatre to a certain extent."

Commenting that he does not feel pressured to creating one, Amit says, "Not all filmmakers ask for it. There are producers who look for that one song or tune that will become symbolic of the film".

Digital media has a role in popularising songs and music, Amit says. "It makes every form music accessible to all. People listen to songs that were unheard of before. The short trends on virtual platforms have made people get used to a short format and they tend to get bored with a longer format. In life everything comes with its advantages and disadvantages."

Following his dreams Amit Trivedi. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Carnival byte

- The two-day fest will be held on November 12 and 13 at Palace Grounds.
- The first day will feature performances by Rohit Barker, Masala Coffee, Swarathma, and DJ Vishnu.
- The second day will feature a night market that will showcase artistes such as Ronaldo, Sunny side up, Huyana and Kanya.
- For tickets log on to bookmyshow.com

Raising a toast to gourmet cuisine

Ruth Dhanaraj

Italian Michelin star chef Denis Lucchi will be presenting a five-course dinner with French wine maker Basile Guibert pairing dishes with wines from the South of France.

According to Mumbai-based Nikhil Agarwal, founder and CEO of All Things Nice, the reason for putting together such an event was to offer a well thought out culinary experience with wine. "While there are a lot of culinary events with cocktails, I believe food and wine are meant to be together."

Chef Denis Lucchi's Michelin-starred restaurant is Buona Terra, an Italian restaurant in Singapore, while Basile Guibert is co-owner of the Moulin de Gassac and Mas de Gaumas estates, famed for the provenance of their wines.

Some of the dishes for the evening include grilled polenta and Parmesan cheese foam; turbot and zucchini flowers, and yoghurt panna cotta.

Dinner with chef Denis Lucchi will take place at 8pm on November 12 at The Ritz Carlton. Price: ₹8,000 (all inclusive). For bookings call +91 98206 98883 or email: info@allthingsnice.in.

When poetry meets melody

Singer Krithika Sreenivasan brings Kannada poems to life with classical compositions

*friday*Review

Shilpa Anandraj

Singers and siblings – Krithika Sreenivasan and Deepika Sreenivasan – join hands for a concert that is aimed at bringing alive Kannada poetry through music. Called the encyclopedic project *Kannada Kavya Kamanabillu*, powered by their grandfather, poet and critic Dr CN Ramachandran, says Krithika. "We will be presenting Kannada poetry from various time periods – *hale* Kannada *kavya* (classical poetry), *madhya kaalina kavya* (medieval poetry) and *navya* (modern poetry) – and bringing them alive with Carnatic classical music."

Krithika says the concert will be rendered in various compositional formats of carnatic classical music such as varna, raga, tana, pallavi, and tillana. The three time periods of Kannada poetry are important and each work reveals the difference in the approach and the perspective of the writer/composer to the language itself, Krithika says.

Propagating ancient verses Krithika Srinivasan. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"My sister and I took to music at the age of four," says Krithika. "It has become an integral part of our lives. We never felt pressurised by any concert nor did we ever take a sabbatical from music for studies. Everything happened concurrently, with music." Krithika believes this concert is their way of telling people that these poems need not be limited to academia or textbooks, but can be brought alive in the form of music.

Krithika will be joined by Deepika (on mridanga), Vishwajit Mattur (violin) and Bhagyalakshmi M Krishna (morsing).

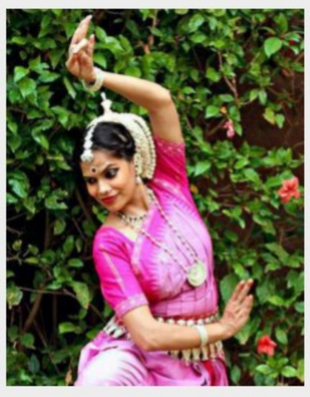
The concert is on November 11, 5pm at the Gayana Samaja, Basavanagudi.

It is open to all.

STEPOUT

An evening with Odissi

Odissi dancer, Madhulita Mohapatra, will perform in Bengaluru. The dance is a part of Adhiyatt Performing Arts Festival, organised by Riddham Kathak School. Madhulita is known for her artistry and abhinaya and is also the recipient of Sangeet Natak Akademi's Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar. *The event is open to all and is scheduled for November 12, 5pm, at Seva Sadan, Malleswaram.*



Food and FIFA

Sports fans can now watch T20 and FIFA matches at the Gold Rush Brews in KR Puram. The place offers you an ambience with an open outdoor space and a huge screen with live sports screening. Besides this, there will also be a range of brewed drinks to go with a wide variety of snacks you can treat yourself to. *Call 9845920832 to reserve your table.*

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INBRIEF

Work an extra hour every day, CM tells govt. employees

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has urged the State government employees to work one hour extra every day.

Speaking after being felicitated by a delegation of the Karnataka State Government Employees' Association for constituting the Seventh Pay Commission to revise the pay scale of government employees in Bengaluru on Thursday, he said working an extra hour daily must percolate from the top all the way down to the grassroots. "All of us must strive hard to build Nava Bharat through Nava Karnataka. Out of the proposed five trillion dollar economy of India, the contribution of Karnataka must be one trillion dollars. Ours is the first government which has constituted the pay commission just after the completion of five years," Mr. Bommai said.

Two-day conference of architects from today

'Latitude', a two-day southern regional conference organised by the Karnataka Chapter of the Indian Institute of Architects, will be held in the city from Friday at Anantya, Gate No. 9, Palace Grounds, Bengaluru. According to a release, the conference will feature seven international architects and seven reputed Indian architects and designers who will expound their ideas about architecture and design based on their location and cultural heritage. During the conference, architect Neelam Manjunath will conduct a workshop on bamboo construction and Arun Desai will conduct a workshop on paper engineering.

Dropout rate up; number of primary, secondary schools down in State, says report

Although the dropout rate has declined between 2018–19 and 2021–22 at the national level, the trend has been opposite in Karnataka among both boys and girls

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Cause for concern: The dropout rate in Karnataka is highest in the secondary level at 14.7%, which is higher than the all-India's 12.6% in 2021-22. FILE PHOTO

The total dropout rate in Karnataka has increased between the academic years of 2020-21 and 2021-22, specifically in the primary and upper primary level of education, according to an analysis report of the UDISE+ released by the Child Rights and You (CRY).

The report also says that there has been a declining trend in the State when it comes to the number of primary (25,554 to 24,470), upper primary (31,802 to 30,924) and secondary schools (15,388 to 15,385) between 2018-19 and 2021-22. However, in the same period, the trend was reversed when it came to higher secondary schools (5,489 to 5,671).

On both national and State levels, there has been an increase in the total enrolment (pre-primary to grade 12) of students with the numbers going up from 1.18 crore in 2020-21 to 1.2 crore in 2021-22 in Karnataka. While similar trends can be observed in all other levels, only at the pre-primary level, there has been a decline of roughly 10,000 students between the two academic years, says the report.

It can be seen that there has been some improvement in the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in the State. At the primary level though, the GER for boys has gone down, while it has increased for girls.

"If we look at Karnataka, though the total enrolment and GER at every level of education has increased in the State between 2020-21 and 2021-22, the recently released UDISE+ 2021-22 report revealed that the dropout rate is highest in the secondary level at 14.7%, which is higher than the all-India's 12.6% in 2021-22. Also, an analysis of the last four-year UDISE+ data highlights that the number of schools has decreased. It is absolutely crucial that infrastructure along with the number of schools are given equal priority so that children do not have to miss school or drop out due to lack of access to basic necessities that would take their focus away from education," said John Roberts, regional director - South, CRY.

ISRO successfully conducted the hot test of CE20 cryogenic engine for the LVM3 at its test facility in Mahendragiri. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ISRO's cryogenic engine, developed for LVM3, passes hot test

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BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the hot test of CE20 cryogenic engine, which has been indigenously developed for LVM3, previously called the GSLV-Mk3.

According to the space agency, CE20 cryogenic engine is indigenously developed for LVM3. It was subjected to a successful hot test at an uprated thrust level of 21.8 tonne for the first time on November 9. This will enhance the LVM3 payload capability up to 450 kg with additional propellant loading. The major modifications carried out on this test article compared to previous engines was introduction of Thrust Control Valve (TCV) for thrust control.

ISRO said in addition to the hot test, a 3D printed LOX and LH2 turbine exhaust casings were inducted in the engine for the first time.

During this test, the engine operated with ~20t thrust level for first 40s, then thrust level was increased to 21.8t by moving thrust control valve. During the test, engine and facility performance was normal and required parameters were achieved, according to ISRO.

The LVM3 is the heaviest launch vehicle of ISRO.

Last month, the LMV3 launch vehicle placed 36 satellites of OneWeb, this was LMV's first commercial launch. Following the launch, ISRO said that the LVM3 has become a catalyst for the Indian Space Programme, opening new vistas for heavy payloads to the Low Earth Orbit. Early next year ISRO is expected to launch LMV's second commercial launch.

Boiled rice to be supplied through ration shops in coastal districts from Jan. 1

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Kota Srinivas Poojary

The State government on Thursday announced the supply of boiled rice through the public distribution system in three coastal districts from January 1, 2023, with each family getting a monthly quota of 5 kg.

The decision to procure boiled rice variety under the minimum support price (MSP) system will cost the exchequer ₹132 crore since the State government will pay additional ₹500 per quintal of paddy above the fixed MSP of ₹2,040 per quintal.

"The government has decided to supply boiled rice in Udupi, Dakshin Kannada, and Uttara Kannada through the PDS," Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary told reporters here. He pointed out that though there had been a demand from the people of the coastal districts for the supply of boiled rice, it had not been possible in the past to implement it. Currently, the Minister said, the Centre was offering an MSP of ₹2,040 for a quintal of paddy, and that the State government had announced the MSP for four boiled rice paddy varieties.

"The target is to procure 13 lakh quintal of paddy and an estimated 8.5 lakh quintal could be procured. Since the paddy cannot be procured with the current MSP, the Chief Minister has agreed to pay an additional ₹500 a quintal. This will cost an additional burden of ₹132 crore on the exchequer," he said. He added that the paddy procured will be locally processed and supplied through the PDS.

Tipu Jayanti celebrated at Hubballi Idgah Maidan amid opposition from Sri Rama Sene

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

AIMIM district joint secretary Vijay Guntral and others during Tipu Sultan's birth anniversary celebration in Hubballi on Thursday. KIRAN BAKALE

Following permission granted by Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC), some members of the AIMIM and others celebrated the birth anniversary of Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan at the Idgah Maidan in Hubballi on Thursday amid opposition by members of Sri Rama Sene. Sene chief Pramod Mutalik was detained by the police as a precautionary measure just a few minutes prior to the celebrations.

On Wednesday night, Hubballi-Dharwad Mayor Iresh Anchatageri had announced that conditional permission would be given to the AIMIM and the Samata Sainik Dal, which had sought permission to celebrate Tipu Jayanti at the controversial site of Idgah Maidan. He had also made it clear that although personally he and his party were opposed to celebration of Tipu Jayanti, the municipal corporation could not refuse permission for the event. The corporation would not be celebrating Tipu Jayanti as the Karnataka government had cancelled it, he had said. The same night, AIMIM Dharwad district president and HDMC councillor Nazeer Ahmed Honyal had issued a statement distancing the AIMIM from the permission sought for Tipu Jayanti. He clarified that the permission sought by AIMIM district joint secretary Vijay Guntral was in his individual capacity. Mr. Honyal had even said that the AIMIM is opposed to permitting Tipu Jayanti at the Idgah Maidan and in case of any disturbance whatsoever the AIMIM would not be responsible.

Anticipating trouble, on Thursday, the police deployed personnel in and around Idgah Maidan near Kittur Chennamma Circle. They barricaded the *qibla* wall (wall facing Makkah) at the maidan.

Mutalik detained

When members of the sene, led by Mr. Mutalik, approached the maidan, they were detained by the police and taken away from the spot. Before he was detained, Mr. Mutalik accused the BJP of "low-level politics" by permitting Tipu Jayanti.

Panel to study profit sharing in sugarcane byproducts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The five-member committee to submit its findings in 10 days

The Karnataka government on Thursday announced the setting up of a technical committee to study sharing of profits between farmers and sugar factories from byproducts of sugarcane.

"The five-member committee to be headed by the Commissioner of Sugar Development will study the issue of sharing profits from byproducts of sugarcane, including ethanol, and will submit its findings in 10 days. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will take a decision that will be favourable to the farmers," Sugar Minister Shankar Patil Munenkoppa told reporters here after chairing a meeting of Sugar Control Board members and sugar factory owners. Stating that during 2020-21, all the sugarcane farmers' dues had been settled and a call centre set up to address their grievances. He said of the 72 sugar factories, five factories had not started sugarcane crushing following which direction had been issued to the industries to start crushing.

he meeting in Bengaluru, involving sugar factory owners, comes in the light of sugarcane growers staging a sit-in protest in several districts for over a week now highlighting their problem.

Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers' Association president Kurubur Shanthakumar said that though the production cost of sugarcane had gone up by 20%, farmers were receiving on an average ₹50 per tonne less than last year due to the yield-based fair and remunerative price (FRP).

He said that the FRP had to be raised to a minimum of ₹3,500 per tonne or a State-advised price (SPA) fixed.

"The cost of transportation of sugar has increased since last year."

Pointing to higher price fixed for sugarcane procurement in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh, he said that the government should hike purchase price of sugarcane by at least ₹500 a tonne.

RTI activist murder case: HC acquits former councillor

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Her husband and 10 others also acquitted; key witnesses turned hostile

The High Court of Karnataka has acquitted a former Councillor of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, her husband, and 10 others from the charge of murdering an RTI activist Lingaraju in 2012.

A Division Bench comprising Justice K. Somashekhar and Justice T.G. Shivashankare Gowda passed the order while setting aside the 2020 order of the sessions court, which had convicted all of them and sentenced them to imprisonment.

It was accused that Gowramma, then councillor of Azadnagar ward, her husband C. Govindaraju had hired other accused persons to kill Lingaraju.

"The wife and the son of late Lingaraju, who were the star witnesses of the prosecution, have turned hostile and have not supported the case of the prosecution," the Bench said while pointing out that the wife, who was with her husband at the time of the assault and was the eyewitness to the incident, has disowned her statement given to the police against the accused ex-councillor and her husband.

"Out of 90 witnesses even though 44 witnesses have given their evidence on the part of the prosecution, all of them are official witnesses and none of the evidences of those witnesses is directly incriminating against the accused. Also there are no clinching documentary evidences to convict the accused," the Bench observed.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

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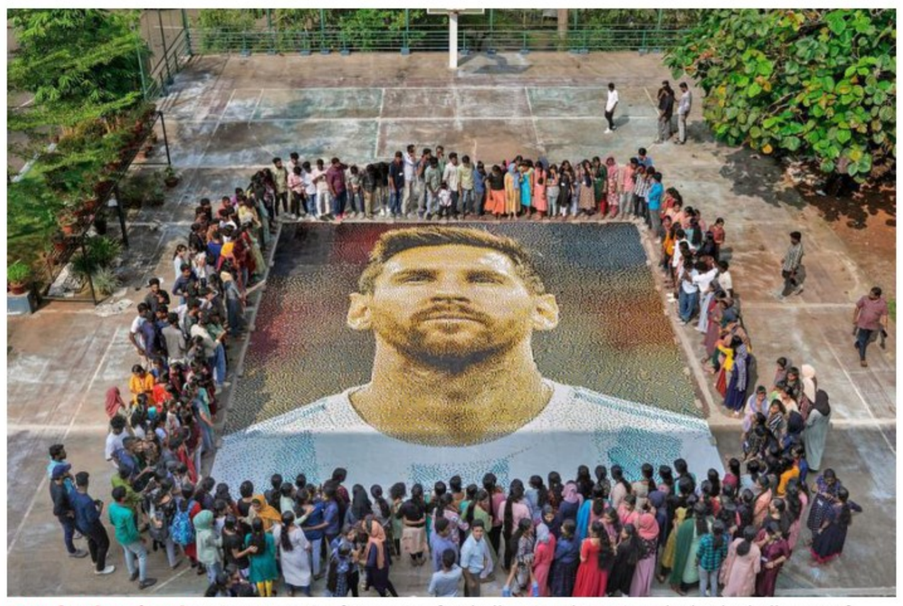
Basketball court turns into a canvas for Messi's portrait



Love for the wizard: A giant portrait of Argentine footballer Lionel Messi on the basketball court of Nirmala College at Muvattupuzha in Kerala. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

M.P. Praveen
KOCHI

It's never easy to pin down Lionel Messi on a football turf.

Neither was it easy for Ajay V. John, a 20-year-old from Muvattupuzha, to pin down a giant portrait of his idol on the basketball court of his alma mater – Nirmala College in Muvattupuzha in Kerala – early this month.

At nine metres wide and 10.8 metres long, the portrait that comes alive when viewed from a height, is made of chart sheets and five different paints – black, blue, red, orange, and yellow – spread across 1,045 sq. ft.

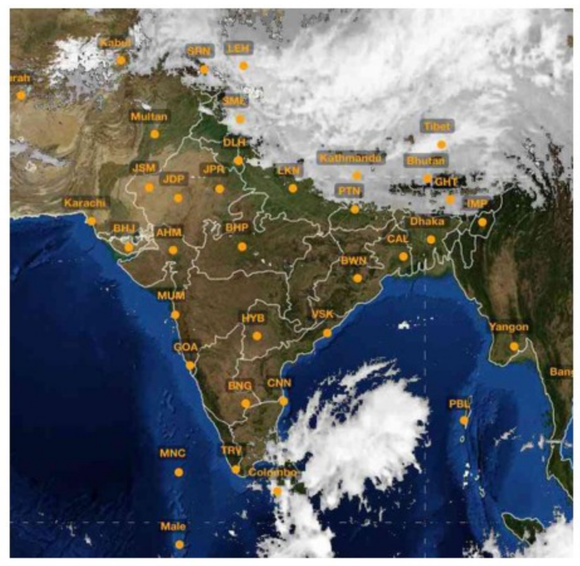
"The picture has been created using 280 chart sheets with four sheets combined together to make 70 big ones. Then 1.18 lakh squares of 3 cm each were drawn on those sheets with each square marked with the colour to be filled with. Then they were painstakingly filled with corresponding colours, bringing alive the portrait square by square in almost a year," said Mr. Ajay who is now doing an accounting course but wants to turn full-time into art in the future.

Originally, the plan was to release the portrait on June 24 coinciding with the birthday of the football wizard. But the solo effort carried out mostly during his free time was too much to meet that deadline. Thus, it was decided to release it just ahead of the World Cup in Qatar.

It wasn't an easy task for Mr. Ajay and his three friends when eventually it was released on November 2. "We started arranging the chart sheets around 9.30 a.m. and thrice they were blown away by wind. We decided to stick them to the court the fourth time and it was 2.30 p.m. when it was finally completed. But the response I received made the effort worth it. The college also supported by arranging drones to take pictures and videos," he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over north coastal/north interior/south Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, south coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Rayalaseema, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.3	18.2	Kozhikode	—	34.5	25.3
Ahmedabad	—	34.2	19.0	Kurnool	—	32.4	21.5
Aizawl	—	—	14.0	Lucknow	—	29.6	19.3
Allahabad	—	32.1	17.9	Madurai	—	32.8	23.7
Bengaluru	—	28.4	18.1	Mangaluru	—	33.5	22.5
Bhopal	—	—	—	Mumbai	—	34.8	22.4
Bhubaneswar	—	31.6	19.0	Mysuru	—	29.9	20.4
Chandigarh	—	26.3	17.2	New Delhi	—	29.5	16.8
Chennai	0.9	31.2	24.2	Patna	—	30.1	18.7
Coimbatore	—	31.1	22.6	Port Blair	—	31.0	26.4
Dehradun	—	27.8	13.6	Puducherry	9.8	31.7	22.2
Gangtok	—	18.3	10.2	Pune	—	30.4	15.4
Goa	—	33.4	20.4	Raipur	—	31.2	18.5
Guwahati	—	30.9	19.0	Ranchi	—	27.4	15.9
Hubballi	—	31.0	18.0	Shillong	—	21.3	10.9
Hyderabad	—	30.0	17.5	Shimla	0.8	16.8	7.4
Imphal	—	27.2	12.1	Srinagar	—	14.1	4.7
Jaipur	—	29.7	18.9	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.7	23.8
Kochi	1	31.8	24.2	Tiruchi	0.3	31.5	23.2
Kohima	—	23.0	10.1	Vijayawada	—	31.4	22.4
Kolkata	—	31.0	22.0	Visakhapatnam	—	32.0	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

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Chennai	.12	..27	.96	57	48	
Delhi	.50	337	.77	...345	...362	
Hyderabad	...2	..37	.44	...169	...132	
Kolkata	.13	..86	.19	...205	...150	
Lucknow	.11	..60	.94	...270	...209	
Mumbai	.40	252	104	...200	...172	
Pune	...5	9	.43	25	25	
Visakhapatnam	.35	..35	.16	...132	...124	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Kurukshetra, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 399 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 22

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

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CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Five workers killed in firecracker unit blast

S. Sundar
MADURAI

Five workers were killed in a powerful explosion that rocked a working shed at a fireworks unit near Karumathur in Madurai district on Thursday.

Parts of the bodies of R. Ragupathi Kondammal, 58, S. Vallarasu, 20, P. Ammasi, 45, G. Gopi, 20, and K. Vikky, 25, were found at a distance of around 200 m in different directions from the blast spot.

The workers were involved in the mixing of chemicals to make aerial crackers at one of the working sheds of VBM Fireworks Unit at Azhagusirai, when it exploded around 1.30 p.m., the police said. Fire tenders from Tirumangalam and Usilampatti rushed to the spot. However, by the time they arrived at the scene, there were no flames, Deputy Director, Fire and Rescue Services, (Madurai region), N. Vijayakumar, said.

Two working sheds were razed to the ground in the impact of the explosion. The debris, which flew in all directions, hit workers sitting outside the sheds to have lunch, inflicting injuries on them. Besides fire station personnel, the police and health workers scoured the sprawling unit in search of body parts, which were collected in plastic baskets.

Khan removed as Chancellor of Kerala Kalamandalam

An eminent person from the field of art and culture will be the new Chancellor; State brings governance system and management structure of the institution fully under government control

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Arif Mohammed Khan

After deciding to remove Governor Arif Mohammed Khan as the only Chancellor for all the 14 State universities, the Kerala government moved quickly on Thursday to evict him as Chancellor of Kerala Kalamandalam, the deemed-to-be-university for art and culture, too.

A government order amending the rules and regulations of the university to facilitate the appointment of an eminent person from the field of art and culture of its choice as Chancellor was issued on Thursday evening.

The government amended Clause 4.25.0 of the rules and introduced the provision that the Chancellor of the university would be the 'Chancellor appointed by the sponsoring body,' the State government. The State government had adopted a similar line for the appointment of Chancellors for other universities.

The order brought the governance system and management structure of the institution fully under government control. The governance system and management structure shall be decided by the government of Kerala and rules and orders for the purpose will be issued as and when occasion arises, the order noted.

The tenure of the Chancellor, according to the government order, shall be for five years from the date of assuming the office. The person once appointed shall be eligible for reappointment for one more term.

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH

Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.

No: EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-1/33/2022-23 Dated: 07-11-2022

E-PROCUREMENT
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For MLA Viveka Yojane & MP Grants Works. The work details can be obtained from the e-Procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted **on or before 17-11-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from Website at **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.

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Adverto/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (East), BBMP, East Zone, 17th Floor, PU Building, MG. Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

No: HS (EAST)/TENDER/PR/18/2022-23 Date: 10-11-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (East), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person / Agencies / Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Maintenance and Development of Parks.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Upgradation, Landscape Development, Maintainence, Drilling of New Borewell, Civil Repairs in Selected Parks of Ward No. **24, 27, 28 (Old Ward Numbers)** Comprising as **Package-1** in Sarvagnanagara Assembly Constituency.	**100.00**	**1.50**
2	Upgradation, Landscape Development, Maintainence, Drilling of New Borewell, Civil Repairs in Selected Parks of Ward No. **27 (Old Ward Number)** Comprising as **Package-2** in Sarvagnanagara Assembly Constituency.	**100.00**	**1.50**
3	Upgradation, Landscape Development, Maintainence, Drilling of New Borewell, Civil Repairs in Selected Parks of Ward No. **30, 49, 59 (Old Ward Numbers)** Comprising as **Package-3** in Sarvagnanagara Assembly Constituency.	**100.00**	**1.50**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 14-11-2022. 2)** Date of Tender Closing: **21-11-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Date of Opening of Technical bid: **23-11-2022 at 5.00 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (East Zone), BBMP.

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KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

No.16 C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara, Bengaluru - 560052. Phone: 080-22268677/78/79 Fax: 080-22268667
E-mail: kerc-ka@nic.in Website: https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in

No: S/03/01/1774 Date: 09-11-2022

NOTICE

Sub: Issue of discussion paper-invitation to public for filing Comments / Suggestions if any-reg.

The Commission has issued a Discussion Paper on "Evacuation / Utilization of Solar Energy Generation at LT / HT Voltage and connect to their LT / HT System" for eliciting Comments / Suggestions / Views from the interested persons.

The discussion paper is made available on KERC's Website: **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in.** The written Comments / Suggestions / Views, if any, may be sent to the **Secretary, KERC on or before 05-12-2022.**

Sd/- Secretary
For Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

DIPR/CP/3053/
2022-23

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification
(Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invites short term tenders from the eligible contractors who are empanelled & also willing to empanel in Karnataka Housing Board through E-Procurement for below mentioned works.

Last date for submission of bid: 19.11.2022 up to 4.00 PM

Name of Place
Providing & fixing chain link fencing to park Nos 11 and 13 in block-6 of Suryanagar Phase-III, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 1046 & IFT No. 177/2022-23, Date: 08.11.2022. Amount put to tender: Rs. 98,80,494/-.
Improvement and development of roads near STP in block-8 and 9 Suryanagar Phase-III, Bengaluru. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 1048 & IFT No. 178/2022-23, Date: 08.11.2022. Amount put to tender: Rs. 1,70,40,202/-.
Development of Sites & Services in an extent of 1 Acre 20 gunta in Sy No. 233 of Jigala Village, block-4 & other development works in Suryanagar Phase-III, Bengaluru. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 1049 & IFT No. 179/2022-23, Date 08.11.2022. Amount put to tender: Rs. 1,69,44,064/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No.: 080-22273511/ 080-22100077 Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3041/AKAR/22-23

GULBARGA UNIVERSITY

"Jnana Ganga", Kalaburagi-585 106, Karnataka, Office No.: 08472-263202
Fax: 08472-263206, E-mail : registrargug@rediffmail.com

No.GUK/ACA/PG Admission/2022-23/773 Date: 07.11.2022

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Sub: Admission Notification for PG/PG Diploma Programmes for the Academic year 2022-23.
Ref: Vice-Chancellor approval dated 07.11.2022

Applications are invited for the Admission on merit cum reservation basis for the following PG/PG Diploma Programmes offered by Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi in its Main Campus, PG Centers at Bidar, Aland and Basavakalyan and Affiliated Government Colleges, Private Colleges and Evening Colleges for the Academic Year 2022-23.

POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES OFFERED

Faculty	Degrees	Subjects
Arts Faculty	**M.A**	1. Kannada, 2..Kannada and Janapada, 3. Kannada (Sharana Sahitya), 4. Sanskrit, 5. Hindi, 6.Marathi, 7. Urdu 8. English, 9. Music,
	M.V.A.	1. Visual Art (Painting) 2. Visual Art (Sculpture) 3. Visual Art (Applied Art) 4. Visual Art (Graphic Art)
Social Science Faculty	**M.A**	1. Economics, 2. History, 3. Political Science, 4. Sociology, 5. Psychology, 6.Women's Studies
	M.J.M.C	Journalism and Mass Communication,
	M.L.I.SC	Library and Information Science,
	M.S.W	Social Work
Science & Technology Faculty.	**M.Sc**	1. Applied Electronics, 2.Biochemistry, 3.Biotechnology, 4.Botany, 5.Chemistry, 6.Organic Chemistry, 7.Computer Science, 8. Environmental Science, 9.Materials Science, 10.Microbiology, 11. Mathematics, 12.Physics, 13.Statistics. 14.Sugar Technology, 15. Zoology,
Commerce Faculty	**M.Com**	Commerce,
		Commerce (Financial Analysis)
Faculty Education	**M.Ed**	Education,
	M.P.Ed	Physical Education
	B.P.Ed	Physical Education
LAW Faculty	**LL.M**	Commercial Law,
		Constitutional & Administrative Law

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM OFFERED

Arts Faculty	**P.G. Diploma**	1. Translation Skills (Hindi), 2. Vachana Sahitya*, 3. Nataka Sahitya and Rangabhoomi* 4. Pali and Buddhist Studies*
Social Science Faculty		1. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies 2. Human Resource Management,
Science & Technology Faculty.		1. Embedded System and Applications 2. Bharatiya Ganita 3.Computer Application
Faculty of Education		Yoga*
		*Concurrent Programmes.

Note : * All admission are under UUCMS (Unified University College Management Portal) Link for UUCMS Portal http://uucms.karnataka.gov.in/login/index, * For any other detailed information please visit Gulbarga University website: www.gug.ac.in.

DATES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS:
1) Commencement of submission of Online Application : **15.11.2022**, 2) Last date for submission of Online Application : **12.12.2022**, 3) Last date for the submission of hard copy of Application form along with relevant documents to the concerned : **17.12.2022**

Sd/- Registrar
Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi.

DIP/Kalaburagi/833/MC&A/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of **Mr. B.P. Maruthi son of K.H. Puttaramaiah, Mr. B.P. Somu son of K.H. Puttaramaiah and Mr. B.P. Thyagaraju son of K.H. Puttaramaiah**, all residing at No. 2925, Attiguppe Main Road, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040 ("**Owners**"), to the residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 82/7, situated at Challakere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring an extent of 03 Acres 01 Gunta, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and presently bearing Khatha No.12, which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter called "**Schedule Property**". Our client ("Client") is desirous of entering into a sale transaction in relation to the Schedule Property with the Owners who have represented to our Client that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property with rights of alienation over the same.

ALL persons including an individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a company, banks, financial institution(s), non- banking financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of Schedule Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, succession, family arrangement, grant, possession, lease, sub-lease tenancy, sub-tenancy, maintenance easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, covenant, settlement right of way, lis pendens, reservation, agreement, FSI consumption, development rights, order / decree / judgement of court or any liability or commitment or otherwise or demand of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at 6/12, Gurappa Avenue, Primrose Road Bengaluru 560 025 within a period of **14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the sale transaction in connection with the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 82/7, situated at Challakere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring an extent of 03 Acres 01 Gunta, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and presently bearing Khatha No.12, and bounded on the:

East by: Babusab Palya Gramatana Village Road;
West by: Private Property;
North by : Private Property;
South by: Ring Road and Service Road.
Dated: 11/11/2022

FoxMandal Solicitors & Advocates

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Unlaundered truth

Central agencies should reflect about the way they are used for political ends

A Special Court dealing with cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in Mumbai has made some extraordinarily scathing observations about the way the Enforcement Directorate (ED) functions. While granting bail to Sanjay Raut, Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) MP, the court has termed his arrest not only illegal but also one recorded for "no reason" at all. The grant of bail and the observations made by Special Judge M.G. Deshpande have galvanised the ED to file an immediate appeal before the Bombay High Court, but the lengthy order contains enough material to substantiate the charge by Opposition parties that central agencies are being utilised to hound political opponents. The judge has found that the underlying criminal case of cheating concerned another set of people who had committed misdeeds, but they were not arrested. As far as Mr. Raut and his associate, Pravin Raut, who has also been given bail, were concerned, it was essentially a civil dispute, and there was nothing to show that money involved in their transactions were "proceeds of crime". Their arrest under the PMLA was illegal, the court said, because there was no underlying scheduled offence. The ED has alleged that the proceeds of the fraudulent sale of tenements pertaining to a re-development project at Patra Chawl in Mumbai, amounted to ₹1,039 crore. It had further alleged that Mr. Pravin Raut was a proxy for Sanjay Raut, and that the latter and his wife had utilised ₹95 crore out of the proceeds to buy assets.

The misuse of agencies seems to be an unlaundered truth, going by the court's remarks. There has indeed been a disproportionate targeting of non-BJP political leaders by investigating agencies of the Union government. While lawyers and activists have been arrested under anti-terrorism laws, mainstream political opponents often see tax raids and money-laundering cases. The latter class of cases is made possible by the PMLA that permits the ED to register a money-laundering case whenever there is an FIR by the police involving a given list of offences. In a sardonic comment, the Special judge has noted that the ED works at great speed while making an arrest, but proceeds with the trial at a snail's pace. ED officers seem to be aware only of Section 19 (power to arrest) and Section 45 (stringent conditions for bail), but not the fact that they should also hold a trial. The judge's remarks also drive home the fact that money-laundering prosecutions have an abysmally low rate of convictions. Instead of rushing to file appeals against adverse orders, central agencies ought to reflect on the manner in which they are being utilised for political ends.

Content slot

Public service broadcast is a good idea in a diverse country with myriad issues

Tweaking guidelines for television channels operating in India, the Union Cabinet has laid down some norms on content as well. In the time of polarising opinions, heated debates and narrow targeting of ideas on television, it said wherever applicable, the channels would have to broadcast content on themes of national importance and socially relevant issues for at least 30 minutes every day. The 'Guidelines for Uplinking and Downlinking of Satellite Television Channels in India, 2022' point out that as airwaves and frequencies are public property and need to be used in the best interest of society, a company with permission to operate in India, barring foreign channels, will have to air content in the service of the public. The themes that have been picked out include education and spread of literacy, agriculture and rural development, health and family welfare, science and technology, welfare of women and weaker sections of society, protection of environment and of cultural heritage and national integration. These are subjects on which a lot more awareness is necessary. According to a FICCI-EY report, with television subscriptions estimated to add another 42 million by 2025 from 178 million in 2021, on the face of it, the public service broadcast is not a bad idea in a diverse country with myriad issues.

The good intent, however, comes with a caveat. The guidelines say "the Central Government may, from time to time, issue a general advisory to the channels for telecast of content in national interest, and the channel shall comply with the same". Though the Government has left it to the channels to "appropriately modulate their content to fulfil the obligation", its stated intention to step in as and when required may be another way to signal that it will keep a watchful eye on the media. In its 2008 recommendations, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India had suggested a public service obligation, which the Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry has taken on board. But there is no clarity yet on compensation norms and who is going to foot the bill for the public service component on TV. The guidelines, with effect from November 9, replace those in operation since 2011 with the Government announcing a host of measures which include making India a teleport hub. The Government has done away with the requirement to seek permission for live telecast of events; only prior registration of events will be necessary for live telecast. As for the 30-minute public service slot, I&B Secretary Apurva Chandra has said stakeholders will be consulted regarding the modalities, which will have to be sorted out.

A way out of Kerala's fiscal vulnerability

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Kerala's fiscal problems have been in the news for several years now. The parlous impacts of the two floods (2018 and 2019) and the COVID-19 pandemic have worsened the situation. In this context, the obfuscating assertions and counter postures on the political chess board of Kerala about the fiscal management of the State demand objective scrutiny. A recent Reserve Bank of India study (RBI Bulletin, June 2022) on the fiscal vulnerability of Indian States undertaken in the backdrop of the Sri Lankan debt-default crisis of May 2022 has identified Kerala among the five most-indebted States of India, the others being Punjab, Rajasthan, Bihar and West Bengal. This article attempts to shed light on Kerala's fiscal vulnerability and offer some suggestions for improvement.

Understanding the fiscal stress

In an expanding economy, debt is not a sin and becomes a problem only when it turns unsustainable. A government is vulnerable when it finds it difficult to meet its fiscal obligations efficiently. As per the 2022-23 Budget, the public debt/GSDP ratio of Kerala is 37.2% which is clearly high particularly when compared to the average of 14.6% for the 1981-91 decade. That the Fourteenth Finance Commission fixed the upper limit at 25% underscores the vulnerability. Only Kerala, Jharkhand and West Bengal crossed the debt target stipulated by the Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-15). That the yield rate to be paid for the special development loans issued by the State auctioned by the RBI is pegged high (8.3% in 2018-19. and around that now) keeps Kerala in a bad light. The increasing incremental borrowing along with the growing level of outstanding liabilities, off-budget borrowings, and mounting guarantees foretell a poor situation.

Kerala has already breached several fiscal norms. During the last five years, the famous Domar stability rule – namely that interest rate adjusted for inflation should be lower than the GSDP growth rate – has been broken except for 2019-20 and 2020-2021. The condition that the increase in nominal GSDP growth rate should be higher than the debt growth rate is also violated. During the last 10 years from 2013-14 through 2022-23, except for two years the rate of debt growth exceeded GSDP growth. The growth dynamics of the State needs to be closely investigated given its admittedly high per capita consumption, high savings (bank deposits in March 2021 were above ₹6.05 trillion, with an non-resident Indian component of ₹2.29 trillion) along with its weak investment trajectory.

The increase in the interest payments/revenue receipts (IP/RR) ratio from 16.86% in 2014-15 to 21.49% in 2020-21 and the estimated 19.36% for 2022-23 does not portend a healthy situation. If we accept the FC-14 IP/RR ceiling of 10%, Kerala is surely on a sticky wicket. The own tax revenue mobilisation needs drastic improvement to save the situation. In 2010-11, Kerala's per capita own tax revenue was a remarkable ₹6,521, while the all-States average was ₹3,278, nearly 100% below. However, for 2020-21, Kerala's per capita tax is ₹12,929, with an all-States average of ₹9,162, the difference falling to 41%. Evidently, the tax effort of Kerala has not improved compared to that of other States. The own tax revenue for 2020-21 of Kerala, at ₹47,661 crore was lower by a huge margin of ₹2,662 crore compared to 2019-20. The 2021-22 (RE) shows a shortfall of ₹13,465 crore vis-à-vis the Budget estimate. The budgeted tax revenue for 2022-23 of ₹74,098 crore is unlikely to be achieved. The tax performance of the State leaves many things to be desired.

That the budgeted non-tax revenue of ₹11,770 crore for 2022-23 is ₹495 crore lower than the actual of 2019-20 is disquieting. The insinuating assertion by some that the State government relies heavily on lotteries is untenable. In the pre-COVID-19 2019-20, the revenue from lotteries was ₹9,973.67 crore, but the gross expenditure on it was ₹8,475.3 crore with a net income of only ₹1,498.3 crore; the corresponding figure in the present Budget works out only to a measly ₹77 crore. That the 133 public sector undertakings with an investment of ₹20,025 crore (as on March 31, 2018) could contribute only a sum of ₹110 crore in 2019-20, and even in 2022-23 (BE) only ₹257 crore to the own source revenue kitty, tells a dismal story.

> Increasing incremental borrowing along with a growing level of outstanding liabilities, off-budget borrowings, and mounting guarantees foretell a poor situation, but there could be solutions

Decline in capital formation

The quality of spending is a critical variable because it shows prudent fiscal management and good governance. The fiscal norm of generating revenue surplus is almost impossible for Kerala with a huge committed expenditure comprising salary, pension and interest payments, which in 2017-18 reached 80.5% of total revenue expenditure and currently running at 70.7%. A five-yearly salary and pension revision along with an escalator clause to protect the real income of the civil servants go with practices such as providing pension to the staff of Ministers for a minimum service of two years (which arguably has to be extended to all civil servants) etc. and can exist comfortably only in Alice's wonderland. It is no wonder then that the fiscal space for development expenditure for Kerala with 51% (five- year average, 2017- 22), is way below that of Madhya Pradesh (73.4%), Rajasthan (71.4%) and Bihar (71.3%) – the details are in the RBI Bulletin, June 2022, p.119.

There has been a visible decline in capital formation in crucial sectors such as education, health, infrastructure, agriculture and the like. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Although the analysis given is suggestive of solutions, the outcomes of continuing social failures and policy miscarriages have to be addressed for any rational rebuilding. Rent-seeking politics, endemic corruption, ecological overkill, a pathological disregard of the rule of law, a visible decline in the public action and public reasoning tradition, a decline in the quality of public services such as health, sanitation, solid waste management, higher education and roads (ubiquitous pot-holes are scandalous), pervasive drug and liquor addiction, an increase in avoidable deaths and so on cannot be solved by public relations managers, but only through informed social choices.

Course correction for the State

To augment its own source revenue, the State has to streamline its tax administration to reduce arrears and evasion and tap its tremendous non-tax revenue potential. Property tax could have been easily doubled. Non-tax revenue can be stepped up by enhancing fees and user charges along with visible quality improvements. Without noticeable quid-pro-quo in services, users will naturally resist hikes. The dividend from the public sector undertakings can be increased if there is efficient rationalisation of management. Unbundling of land values can yield good income. The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is a millstone around the fiscal neck of Kerala. Monetisation of the land and asset values of the KSRTC along with restructuring of management can be a solution. Permitting private universities of world class standards can arrest the exodus of brilliant students. Why Kerala with a fabulous remittance inflow since the mid-1970s has failed to be a happy place for the enterprising private sector to create wealth for the State is a moot question for which honest answers elude us. A meaningful pension reform including raising retirement and recruitment ages can make big changes. If the Kerala government wants to put its fiscal house in order, it has to experiment with zero-base budgeting or at least with performance budgeting with determination. Departments have to improve their accountability significantly.

In the fiscal federal polity of India, with yawning mismatches between resources and responsibilities, all inter-governmental transfers must be normative and formula-based. Central transfers are entitlements and certainly not largesses. That 35% of the transfers are still outside the Finance Commission is against the canons of cooperative federalism.

In sum, Nava Kerala cannot be built on a fragile fisc, and rhetoric is not a resounding solution.

Forgotten in India after fighting from world trenches

Priyanjali Malik

is a London-based commentator

On the eleventh hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the guns fell silent over Europe, bringing an end to a brutal war that drew in soldiers and contributions from around the world. Indian blood was spilled in Europe, as it was in Africa, West Asia and Asia. The memory of the almost 10 million battlefield deaths in the First World War and the 15 million or more who were killed fighting the Second World War is now honoured in countries around the world on November 11, with nation-wide silences and the laying of wreaths. Not so much in India – apart from in Army cantonments and at the British Consulate in Kolkata – even though over 1,61,000 men made the ultimate sacrifice for India's freedom.

Seventy-five years after Independence, it is time to honour India's immense contribution to the world wars and move it from a footnote in another country's history to the main stage, where it belongs. These were India's wars too.

Two conflicts and a reticence

Indian reticence over these two conflicts arises from the uneasy relationship between the Indian contribution to fighting fascism on a global stage and the nationalist movement for freedom at home. The success of the first is seen to have come at the cost of the second. It began with the betrayal of nationalist expectations of greater autonomy for India in return for support during the Great War. This was compounded by the bitterness of Viceroy Lord Linlithgow declaring war on Germany on India's behalf in 1939 without consulting Indian leaders, and further roiled by the pitting of Indian against Indian when Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Indian National Army sided with the Axis Powers in the hope that this might bring freedom. But the failure of Indian independence to follow automatically from India's participation in the wars does not mean that the war efforts extended colonial rule, or were all about protecting Britain: there was fighting on Indian soil to defend India. Yet, the prevailing impression remains that of wars fought for somebody else, somewhere else; consequently, India's valuable contribution has been written out of its history books.

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India's pivotal role

Almost 1.5 million men volunteered to fight in the Great War. Indians mobilised four days after Britain declared war on Germany, with the support of nationalist leaders, including Mahatma Gandhi. Indians fought with valour and distinction in the trenches of Europe, West Asia and North Africa, earning 11 Victoria Crosses along the way. Of those men, about 74,000 never came home. India raised the largest ever volunteer army, of 2.5 million, for the Second World War. More than 87,000 of those men are cremated or buried in war cemeteries around the world and in India. Thirty-one Victoria Crosses – 15 % of the total – went to soldiers from undivided India. Without Indian soldiers, non-combatant labourers, material and money, the course of both conflicts would have been very different as acknowledged by Field Marshal Auchinleck, Britain's last Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, in an interview years later.

And yet, there is no recognition within India of this history. In Britain, the contribution of the Commonwealth – including the Indian subcontinent – is memorialised in the Commonwealth Memorial Gates that lead up to Buckingham Palace. The Gates commemorate the campaigns where Commonwealth soldiers served with distinction; there is also a canopy inscribed with the names of the Commonwealth recipients of the George and Victoria Crosses. Much of India's recent history is encapsulated in these gates, in a spirit of gratitude and equality. Britain, after all, has much to be grateful for, but Indians seem less keen to acknowledge this.

Some of this ambivalence owes itself to the atrocities of colonial history, which must be acknowledged too. Britain may have handed out 11 VCs over the course of the First World War, but it betrayed the hopes of nationalists with the imposition of martial law after the war ended, culminating in the horror of Jallianwalla Bagh in April 1919. British perfidy, however, does not in any way reduce the sacrifices of those who fought for freedom. Those who went abroad to fight alongside white British soldiers returned with the knowledge that they were equal to their colonial masters. In not recognising and honouring this, we push those men back into colonial subjugation.

Battles looking east

And these were not just European wars to defend foreign lands. India was threatened in the Second World War by advancing Japanese forces who got as far as Burma/Myanmar. They were repulsed in the battles of Imphal and Kohima between March and July 1944. These were brutal battles. In Kohima, the two sides were at one point separated by the width of a tennis court. A Commonwealth cemetery on Garrison Hill, Kohima, contains this epitaph (by John Maxwell Edmonds): 'When You Go Home, Tell Them of Us, and Say/For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today'.

Our today has been built on the sacrifice of many, including those who died fighting fascism. Let us remember and honour them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Governor vs government

The Governor-government relationship in certain States seems to be taking a turn for the worse. The 'problems' with Governor R.N. Ravi in Tamil Nadu, Governor Arif Mohammed Khan in Kerala, and Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan in Telangana indicate that in non-BJP ruled States, there seems to be a pattern to unsettle the government. In another way, it could also be governments trying to unsettle the Governor to conceal flaws The decorum of the Governor's office needs to be upheld.

A.P. Thiruvadi,
Chennai

From Kerala to Telangana to Tamil Nadu, the State governments appear to be unhappy with their Governors, leaving the common man baffled. It is clear that there do not seem to be any issues when it comes to governments and Governors in BJP-ruled or BJP- supported States. One wonders whether there is instigation from somewhere to needle Opposition governments.

K.K. Xavier,
Chennai

The growing rift is only affecting governance. The differences of opinion need to be settled soon.

Deepa Viswanath,
Bengaluru

Islands in trouble

It is disheartening that the Nicobar Islands have been earmarked for development in a way that damages the environment. It is devastating that lakhs of trees are to be cut down and endemic species subjected to threats. The Andamans are one of the last untouched great repositories of nature left and must be untouched.

D. Thotwon Shimrah,
Litan Sareikhong, Manipur

At Adelaide

The aura of invincibility surrounding the Indian cricketers took a severe beating as the English batsmen simply toyed with the Indian bowling outfit. It was pathetic to witness the helplessness of the Indian fielders. The annihilation should jolt India's selectors.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

Corrections & Clarifications

In the "From the Archives" column (November 10, 2022), "Minister wants ceiling on size of houses" ('Fifty Years Ago') the then Railway Minister, Mr. T.A. Pai's name was misspelt as T.A. Pal at many places in the text.

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Should Chief Ministers have a say in the appointment of Governors?

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PARLEY

With the rise in instances of tension, and even stand-offs, between State governments and Governors, there is once again a debate on the role of the Raj Bhavan. In a discussion moderated by **Sonam Saigal**, Margaret Alva and M.R. Madhavan discuss the role and conduct of Governors, the relation of Governors with the Centre and State government, and whether Chief Ministers should have a say in the appointment of Governors in their respective States. Edited excerpts:

What are the roles and responsibilities of a Governor? What is the significance of the post?

Margaret Alva: The post of Governor is actually inherited from the past. The Mughals had Governors in order to be able to reach out to vast territories of the empire. The British also had Governors to be able to govern India. There are those who believe that the post is redundant, and there are others who feel that the Governor does play an important role. To me, the Governor is essentially a link between the Centre and the States. The Governor has various functions, such as addressing the joint session of the Assembly and the Budget session, and signing Bills that have been passed by the Assembly. The Governor has administrative and political functions to perform.

M.R. Madhavan: We are a federal country, which has a clear design that there will be constituent States who elect their own governments, and a Union of States. So, there is a need to ensure unity and some level of uniformity across the Union. This creates its own tension. One of the designs of the Constitution, to supposedly manage this tension, is the post of Governor as a link between the Centre and the States. One can argue that the post of Governor has added to the tension at various times instead of resolving it.

As per Article 155 of the Constitution, the Governor is appointed by the President. But the Sarkaria Commission, set up in 1983 to examine the Centre-State relationship on various points, felt that the Chief Minister should be consulted before appointing the Governor, for proper working of the parliamentary system. Why do you think this recommendation was made?

MA: The appointment of the Governor today is in the hands of the ruling party in New Delhi. Many Governors, I'm sorry to say, function as if the Raj Bhavans are party offices of the ruling party. They always take decisions as directed by the [Union] Home Ministry and the Central government. The Governor is supposed to be an independent, non-partisan person. He/she is supposed to keep the interests of the State in mind and also ensure that the link between the State and the Centre is maintained in a smooth way. We have had Governors behaving like bulls in a china shop, turning everything upside down, with little regard for the elected body, the Assembly or the State, changing governments at their will. The relationship between the Governor and the Chief Minister is what determines smooth functioning. But this has not been happening in many, many cases.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Governor R.N. Ravi at the Independence Day reception hosted by the Raj Bhavan in Chennai. PICHUMANI K.

The Sarkaria Commission, therefore, probably thought that if the appointment was made in consultation with the Chief Minister, there would be smooth functioning and better relationships. But the Governor has to make independent decisions, whether it's the question of deciding a government, the numbers, or the vote of confidence. The Governor has to maybe at times go against the will of the Chief Minister. Therefore, to say that the Chief Minister must approve the appointment of Governors is not correct. I do feel [there should be] general consultation. The opinion of the Chief Minister would go a long way in helping make the functioning of the Governor in a State more effective and maybe more conducive to the interests of the State.

MRM: One must see how the relationship between the Centre, the State and the office of the Governor evolved. Up to 1967, when the Congress was at the Centre and in most States, it went smoothly. Then things went bad in 1967. Between 1967 and 1971, there were three high-level bodies which looked at this issue. The report of the First Administrative Reforms Commission was submitted in 1969. The Tamil Nadu government set up the Rajamannar Committee. And the President Secretariat set up a committee. All three said that the Chief Minister should be consulted before the Governor is appointed.

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> MARGARET ALVA

The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution said, "It would be appropriate to suggest a committee comprising the Prime Minister, the Home Minister, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Chief Minister of the State concerned to select a Governor." What do you think?

MRM: It also said the committee may include the Vice-President. So, rather than leaving it purely to the executive, it said the Central legislature has a role through the Speaker, and the State has a role through the Chief Minister, so that you will find somebody who is acceptable to everyone. I agree with Ms. Alva: you can't leave it to the Chief Minister. But it is useful to consult the Chief Minister.

MA: I think the total composition of the committee is of the ruling party at the Centre. I feel it should be the Vice-President, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, the Leader of the Opposition, and maybe the Chief Minister of the State. I feel that getting the Chief Minister involved in the process of selection is not right. The Governor cannot be made to feel that the Chief Minister was one of those responsible for his selection; the Governor has to be above the Chief Minister, be independent, be able to function in a non-partisan manner, and not be beholden to the ruling party or to the Chief Minister.

May I add, we have no criteria, no minimum qualifications laid out for a Governor. These are often retirement perks or rewards for unstinting loyalty to a particular party. Governors cannot be called before a court of law. These are things which have to be kept in mind. When you talk about the appointment of Governors, it cannot be according to the whims and fancies of the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister cannot appoint somebody because he/she is happy with the performance of someone who may have been a Minister or a political leader of the party and has to be accommodated. These are the considerations which come in the appointment of Governors – not qualifications or the capacity to be able to administer the State.

Do you think that the Chief Minister's powers get affected vis-à-vis the Governor if the Chief Minister happens to belong to a party opposed to the ruling party at the Centre?

MA: The Governor speaks about the Chief Minister's government. Therefore, there has to be cooperation and coordination between the State government and the Governor, irrespective of whether their political loyalties differ. I've been the Governor of four States, where you have to decide the majority of the government. In many States, it is decided on the floor of the Raj Bhavan. This is wrong. The majority, minority, vote of confidence has to be decided on the floor of the House. It is the elected representatives who have to decide and present the majority to the Governor.

The running of a normal system in the State of majority rule requires that the Governor not be beholden to the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister's powers don't become insignificant; he/she is the elected leader of the State. Legislation, running the State, the administration, ensuring law and order... all these are responsibilities of the State government. The Governor is supposed to be a friend, philosopher and guide, helping from the back, sorting out issues and resolving disputes, even between political parties. The Governor has to at times advise the Centre on what is happening and what needs to be done. That brings the Centre and the State together.

MRM: The core assumption is that the Governor is expected to act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers, with a few exceptions. Like whom to invite to form the government, in times of no-confidence motions, in a situation where you need to impose Article 356 (in case of failure of constitutional machinery in the State), because no Chief Minister is going to advise that Article 356 be imposed. So, that will have to be under the discretion of the Governor. It comes back to how independent the Governor is, how the Governor acts. How do you ensure that the Governor maintains loyalty to the Constitution and not to the government at the Centre? In the end, there are no easy answers.

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NOTEBOOK

Behind the veneer of solemnity

Farewell speeches of judges — amusing, sober or reflective — provide many insights about them as people

Krishnadas Rajagopal

In India, Supreme Court judges retire at the "young" age of 65. Some argue that their retiring age should be increased to 70. Senior advocate V.J. Taraporevala's rollicking *Tales from the Bench and the Bar* recounts an anecdote about the 103-year-old Federal Judge Wesley Ernest Brown who presided over trials with a tube under his nose feeding him oxygen. Apparently, federal court judges in the U.S. could continue on the Bench if they exhibited "good behaviour". Judge Brown would confide in lawyers during lengthy trials about his doubts of lasting out the case, adding, "At this age I am not even buying green bananas".

Judge Brown may not have believed in cultivating hobbies, unlike Justice Vivian Bose, whom Chief Justice M. Hidayatullah described as "a successful lawyer, a great judge, a seasoned scout, photographer, magician, water-diviner and traveller. What more could we expect of a man?"

After years of spending countless hours reading legal briefs and hearing cases, a judge is finally free on retirement day. Outgoing Chief Justice R.M. Lodha, who fought for judicial independence in his last days at the court, expressed his relief in cricketing terms: "There is no second innings for me. I want my freedom". Some judges remain sought after for their expertise even after retirement. For some, retirement is just the beginning. George H. Gadbois Jr. records Chief Justice M.C. Mahajan saying, at a farewell dinner, that he was going to "assume the role of agitator, because nothing succeeds in this country more than agitation".

A retiring Supreme Court judge begins his last day by accompanying the Chief Justice of India on the Ceremonial Bench. The judge receives the gratitude and accolades of the leaders of the Bar. The judge then attends a farewell function organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association in the evening. Generally, farewell speeches give us many insights about the judge and are often memorable. Sometimes, judges talk about the bonhomie they share with their colleagues. In *Supreme Whispers: Conversations with Judges of the Supreme Court of India*, Abhinav Chandrachud recounts how Chief Justice S.R. Das, in 1959, "hilariously lampooned" Justice A.K. Sarkar, a bachelor: "My brother Sarkar has been an onlooker on the highway of life. He attends dinner but does not eat; he sees other people eat. He has joined many bridal processions but has not married. But I do not know whether he will change his mind".

Sometimes, farewell speeches are sober. Chief Justice Dipak Misra, whose tenure was scarred by a press conference by four senior judges and a failed impeachment proposal by Opposition parties, said: "History can be sometimes kind, and unkind. I don't judge people by their history but by their activities, perspective". And Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, who faced allegations of sexual harassment during his tenure, took the rare step of writing a letter to the media applauding the "maturity" and "character" of journalists who prevented "canards and falsehood" when the judiciary was keeping an "ambush or two at bay".

The farewell speech of Chief Justice N.V. Ramana, who headed a successful Collegium which brought down judicial vacancies, was marked by introspective humility. "When you ultimately judge me as a judge, I would like to say that I may be judged as a very ordinary judge, but one who greatly enjoyed the job," he said.

And sometimes, the farewell speech can even touch upon the slow delivery of justice in India. Justice R. Banumathi spoke of how she herself was a victim of judicial delay, for complicated legal procedures prevented her family from getting compensation for the death of her father who died in a bus accident.

At the recent farewell organised for Chief Justice U.U. Lalit, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, now Chief Justice, shared a conversation they had with each other. Justice Lalit was once told by a Chief Justice that it was best for a judge to "meet (intellectually) a lawyer than try to beat him in court". That Chief Justice was none other than Justice Chandrachud's father.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Fields on fire in preparation for winter crops

Smoke rises from a step farm, as a farmer prepares his field to sow winter crops in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 11, 1972

Japanese apple named after India

Madras, Nov. 10: One of the highly delicious varieties of apple in Japan has been named after India. Prepared at the Aomori Apple Experiment Station in Japan, this variety, obtained from the U.S., was found suitable for large-scale cultivation. It was christened "Indo" after India, because it was very sweet, according to Mr. Kukushima, Chief of the centre. With a collection from all over the world, the Experiment Station has been concentrating on improving the quality of fruits. The total production of apples in Japan in 1971 was 59.67 million cases (of 20 kgs. with 40 to 50 fruits). The Aomori Prefecture contributed the lion's share of this output, accounting for nearly 27.81 million cases. There are many private orchards as about 0.5 to 0.7 hectares in this Prefecture where 15 commercial varieties are grown by 35,000 farmers. One of the larger orchards I saw, was 4.3 hectares in extent owned by Mr. Nishimura, in Hirosaki where annually 8,500 cases of apples are produced. The yield per hectare in this orchard was quite high (about 2,500 cases) thanks to efficient management. Mr. Nishimura estimated his annual net income from the orchard at 10 million yens (about Rs. 73,000). Japan is exporting only a fraction of the apple produced in the country. In recent years, the quantum of exports has been gradually coming down.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 11, 1922

The "salt" muddle

Cochin. Nov. 9: Cochin is just now on the verge of a salt famine, as it were some one having blundered. There is very great scarcity of salt in the state at present and the Dewan is now granting free permits to merchants to import salt from outside to meet the requirements of the people. There is no salt available at the Depot at Mallipuram and the loss of revenue that has resulted to the state by this muddle is by no means small, not to speak of the hardships caused to the people. It is stated that the Government must have already incurred a loss in revenue of about a lakh of rupees owing to the contractor's default. The merchants are holding up all the available stock of salt and the price has already doubled itself. It is not known who is really at fault.

From Page One

8 Indian workers feared dead in Maldives blaze

Condoling the death of the victims, Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, who also visited the site, said authorities were investigating the fire incident. The Maldives' parliamentary speaker and former President Mohamed Nasheed said he was "appalled" to hear of the incident. "There must be a swift and thorough investigation into what happened, & the living conditions of expat labour in Maldives," he said in a tweet.

Congested capital

The fire has yet again put a spotlight on the living conditions of migrant workers in the Maldives. A congested capital city, Malé is home to over 2.5 lakh people, or roughly half the island nation's population. The International Labour Organisation estimates there are approximately 1.8 lakh migrant workers in the Maldives, making up about a third of the country's population. Most of them come from Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka. Thousands remain undocumented. According to official sources, an estimated 80,000 Bangladeshi workers and at least 30,000 Indians are employed in the Maldives, spread between the capital city and the Indian Ocean archipelago's atolls.

Following a visit to the Maldives in late 2019, UN Special Rapporteur Nils Melzer noted that migrant workers in the Maldives were often forced to share accommodation "with up to 200 other workers... sleeping in shifts in deplorable conditions."

SC allows activist Navlakha to be moved from jail to house arrest

He will be under stern police surveillance; Internet access or separate phone not allowed; he has to deposit ₹2.4 lakh for police deployment and ₹3 lakh as local surety, and has to pay for the CCTV cameras to be installed on his house premises

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed activist Gautam Navlakha to be shifted from the Taloja Jail to house arrest in Navi Mumbai while imposing strict police surveillance on his interactions and movements, as in prison.

The activist was arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in 2018 for alleged Maoist links and involvement in the Bhima Koregaon riots that year. The chargesheet was filed in 2020 and the trial is yet to begin.

A Bench of Justices K.M. Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy said Mr. Navlakha should start his house arrest within 48 hours at a modest residential property in Navi Mumbai. He has been directed to pay ₹2.4 lakh to cover the expenses of police deployment at his house. The money would be deposited via demand draft with the Mumbai Police Commissioner. He should also pay for the CCTV cameras that would be installed on his house premises.

The State of Maharashtra should carry out the necessary security screening of the place where Mr. Navlakha would be placed under house arrest. He was ordered to pay ₹3 lakh as local surety before his transfer to house arrest.

The court said the house arrest, ordered primarily considering the 70-year-old's health and the facts of the case, including that he had been in custody for long, would continue till the next hearing in the second week of December, when it would be open for review. The payment for the police guard would also be reviewed on that date.

Gautam Navlakha

Strict restrictions

The court has prohibited him from using mobile phones, laptop or any other communication devices while in house arrest. However, he has been allowed to use a phone, not a smartphone, which the police personnel would give for conversations not exceeding 10 minutes in the presence of the police. There would be no Internet access.

The court said the restrictions were necessary, considering the fact that he was charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for alleged Maoist links.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) said it did not want him to communicate with outsiders, who could be suspected Maoists.

His companion, who would be staying with him, would also have restricted use of her mobile phone. They would also be allowed a housekeeper, whose credentials would be verified by the police.

Mr. Navlakha would be allowed a daily outdoor walk with police escort and was prohibited from entering into conversation with outsiders during the time. He would be allowed a TV, neither smart nor Internet-based, and two newspapers. Two known relatives would be allowed to visit him once a week and could spend three hours with him.

He should not try to influence witnesses in the case, the court directed.

On the NIA's request, the court said he would be taken to the KEM Hospital for a medical evaluation before the next hearing. Any violation of the stringent restrictions, if brought to the notice of the court by the police and found true, would result in immediate cancellation of the house arrest.

SC Bench to hear Gyanvapi *shivling* case today

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday agreed to constitute a Bench to hear a plea at 3 p.m. on November 11, Friday to extend the protection of an area on the Gyanvapi mosque premises where a '*shivling*' was found.

CJI D.Y. Chandrachud agreed to constitute the Bench to hear the case on Friday after advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain mentioned that the court's interim order to protect the area would expire on November 12, Saturday.

In May, the court ordered the securing of the '*shivling*' area, while Muslims would be able to offer *namaaz* in the mosque. The court had ordered the District Magistrate to make appropriate arrangements, if not already made, for Muslims to offer *wazu khana* before *namaaz* at the mosque.

Campaigning ends in Himachal Pradesh, voting tomorrow

Vikas Vasudeva
SHIMLA

With Himachal Pradesh going to the polls on Saturday, the State's high-pitched election campaign came to a halt on Thursday. Travelling around the State amid the political slugfest gave a sense that there is a palpable narrative about bringing in a change, making it a close battle for the ruling BJP to retain its government.

Himachal Pradesh has been a bipolar electoral arena for the past three decades, with the Congress and the BJP alternately forming the governments. The contest remains between these two traditional rivals this year as well. The Aam Aadmi Party, after an emphatic win in neighbouring Punjab, created an initial euphoria in Himachal, but it soon fizzled out. It seems to be largely out of contest, though the party has fielded candidates in 67 of the 68 seats.

Many believe that the Congress has been facing a leadership vacuum since the death of its veteran leader and six-time Chief Minister, Virbhadra Singh. Though his wife Pratibha Singh was given the reins of the party, it has been difficult to replace the appeal and political acumen of the former Chief Minister.

Former Chief Secretary of Andaman held in rape case

Press Trust of India
PORT BLAIR

The police on Thursday arrested former Andaman and Nicobar Chief Secretary Jitendra Narain in a gang rape case. The victim's lawyer, Phatick Chandra Das, said Mr. Narain was arrested after his anticipatory bail application was rejected by a local court.

Soon after, a police team reached a private resort where Mr. Narain is staying and took him to the Police Line amid heavy security. The police took the senior IAS officer to a hospital for a check-up.

The probe was started after a 21-year-old resident of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands alleged that she was lured to his home with the promise of a government job and then raped by top officials including Mr. Narain there.

In maiden visit to Odisha as President, Murmu walks two km to Puri temple

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

Droupadi Murmu began her maiden visit as President to Odisha with a two-km walk to the 12th century Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri on Thursday.

Ms. Murmu reached Puri by a special Indian Air Force helicopter early in the day.

She got down from her vehicle at Balagandi on Grand Road, where Bhakta Salabeg's *samadhi sthal* (place of cremation) is preserved and started walking to the temple, with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and her daughter Itishri Murmu. On the way, she stopped to meet schoolchildren.

The 17th century religious poet Bhakta Salabeg was a Muslim by birth, but is remembered for his devotion to Lord Jagannath. Legend has it that the chariot of Lord Jagannath could not move until Bhakta Salabeg had the darshan of the deity.

Grand welcome: Droupadi Murmu meeting schoolchildren in Puri on her two-day trip to her home State, Odisha. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Ms. Murmu was received by Dibyasingh Dev, Puri's titular king and Governor Ganeshi Lal. She was served traditional religious offerings and chose to have lunch by sitting on the floor.

The daughter of the soil was given a ceremonial welcome at the Biju Patnaik Airport, Bhubaneswar in the afternoon. Santhali dancers performed as her cavalcade moved out of the airport. Hundreds of people waited for hours to get a glimpse of Ms. Murmu. The President of India garlanded the statues of eight freedom fighters in Bhubaneswar.

India insists on higher global climate finance target by 2024

Green concerns: Activists holding a protest during the COP-27 climate summit in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on Thursday. REUTERS

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NEW DELHI

Developing countries require "substantive enhancement" in climate finance beyond the floor commitment of $100 billion a year to meet their ambitious goals and rich countries need to lead the mobilisation of resources, India has stressed at the ongoing UN climate summit COP-27 at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt.

At the COP-15 held in Copenhagen in 2009, developed countries had committed to jointly mobilise $100 billion a year by 2020 to help developing countries tackle the effects of climate change.

Rich countries, however, failed to deliver this finance.

Developing countries, including India, are pushing rich countries to agree to a new global climate finance target – also known as the new collective quantified goal on climate finance (NCQG) – which they say should be in the trillions of dollars, given that the costs of addressing and adapting to climate change have grown substantially.

"The commitment of $100 billion made in 2009 by developed countries was not only minuscule given the scale of needs but has also not been achieved yet," said the Indian delegation at a high-level ministerial dialogue on NCQG at COP-27 on Wednesday.

India said that climate actions to meet the nationally determined contributions (NDC) targets require financial, technological, and capacity-building support from developed countries, people aware of the developments said.

Human rights defenders must obey law of the land, says India at HRC session

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India appreciates the role of human rights defenders, journalists and activists in the democratic system but the activities of these groups and individuals should be in conformity with the law of the land, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said at the Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva on Thursday. The session was live-streamed.

Starting the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of India at the HRC, Greece, the Netherlands and Vatican City on Thursday called upon the Government of India to ensure freedom of religion and end discrimination against human rights defenders and religious minorities.

"Actions were taken against some organisations due to their illegal practices including malafide rerouting of money and wilful and continuing violations of extant legal provisions, foreign exchange management rules and tax law of India," said Tushar Mehta in defence of India's actions regarding the human rights defenders.

Tushar Mehta

Earlier, the member countries of the HRC made a number of observations touching upon Indian society and polity.

"Immediately release all human rights defenders," said Luxembourg.

The strongest comment came from Greece that called upon India to "ensure full implementation of freedom of religion". Germany expressed concern about the rights situation in India and said, "Germany remains concerned about the rights of marginalised groups, especially religious minorities as well as women and girls." Germany also said that the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act should not "unduly restrict" the "freedom of association" in India. The German representative called upon India to strengthen the National Human Rights Commission and said the discrimination against Dalits should end.

Ireland recommended that the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act be applied in a transparent manner and that Indian States should "repeal" anti-conversion laws to ensure compliance to international human rights laws. The representative of South Korea also raised the issue of the FCRA. Italy asked India to enable civil society organisations and freedom of expression and freedom of religion.

PM to leave for Bali G-20 summit on Monday

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Bali for the G-20 leadership summit from November 14 to 16.

Arindam Bagchi, official spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry, said here on Thursday that Mr. Modi was expected to leave late on Monday, and apart from holding talks with other G-20 heads of governments and states, he will "address and interact" with members of the Indian community.

"Three working sessions will be held as part of the G-20 summit agenda – food and energy security, health and digital transformation. At the closing session, President Widodo will symbolically hand over the G-20 presidency to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi," he said.

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar will lead the Indian delegation to Phnom Penh for the 19th India-ASEAN summit and the 17th East Asia Summit on November 12 and 13.

INBRIEF

J&K police bust militant module in north Kashmir

A militant module, allegedly responsible for pasting anti-India posters during Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent Kashmir visit as well as recruiting youth, has been busted and six militants arrested in north Kashmir, the J&K police said on Thursday. "The module was being coordinated by Pakistan-based handlers to aid the operations of the Tehreek-e-ul Mujahideen Jammu and Kashmir in north Kashmir. The *modus operandi* of the group was to go to different villages and conduct events under the garb of a non-governmental organisation," the police said.

SC questions delay in Centre's response in Ram Setu case

The Supreme Court on Thursday gave the Centre four weeks' time to file a response clarifying its stand on a plea by former Rajya Sabha member Subramanian Swamy to declare the Ram Setu a national heritage monument. "Why are you dragging your feet?" Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud asked the government side, which sought an adjournment. The government's counsel said the reply was ready but was waiting for approval from the Ministry. Mr. Swamy had earlier raised the issue of declaring Ram Setu as a national monument in his PIL petition against the controversial Sethusamudram Ship Channel project, initiated by the UPA-I government.

ED arrests two persons in Delhi excise policy case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested two persons, including the director of Aurobindo Pharma, in connection with the money-laundering probe in the Delhi excise policy case. The accused were identified as Benoy Babu, who worked as a general manager with a liquor company, and Sharath Reddy, the director of Aurobindo Pharma. The agency suspected the role of the two accused persons in the alleged cartelisation of liquor licences under the now-withdrawn excise policy. It is investigating the leads to determine if Mr. Babu was instrumental in the grant of licences.

APPEAL

Name of Patient: **Selvan Abishek.S,** 13 years.
Hospital Name: Kuppuswamy Naidu Memorial Hospital
Diagnosis: Pre Tall (Precursor T Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia/ Blood Cancer) with Hyperleukocytosis and Tumor lysis syndrome. He requires six months of intensive chemotherapy followed by oral chemotherapy for 24 months. He requires antibiotics and blood product support as indicated. The estimated cost of the above therapy is approximately is **Rs. 10,00,000/-.**

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'Himachal manifesto promises are not *revdis*, will aid development'

The double-engine government of the BJP has fast-tracked development in the hill State, the Union Minister says accusing the Congress of having put roadblocks in the way of development

INTERVIEW

Anurag Thakur

Nistula Hebbar

On the last day of campaigning for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur speaks on the contest, *revdis* and rebel candidates. Excerpts:

Going into the Assembly election, what do you think are planks on which the BJP is campaigning on?

A straightforward comparison with the previous Congress regime would show how the development of Himachal Pradesh was neglected, and many of the Central schemes suffered because of procrastination. For example, the AIIMS in the State was in gestation for four years, the Central University also took as much time, many hydroelectric projects were also delayed.

When there was a Congress government at the Centre and the State, in fact, the special category status to Himachal Pradesh was revoked, and it was when Prime Minister Narendra Modi*ji* came to power, it was restored, even though there was a Congress-led government in the State. The Congress has always put roadblocks in the way of development and the double-engine government that the BJP has given on the contrary has fast-tracked it.

It is being said that the BJP is again having to depend on the face of Prime Minister Modi and the double-engine government rhetoric to overcome local challenges.

We are proud of having Modi*ji* as our leader, the most popular leader across the world. We speak specifically of double-engine government in Himachal Pradesh, however, because in

a hill State, the role of the Central government is extremely important in terms of infrastructure and development challenges and having Modi*ji* at the Centre, a Prime Minister who looks upon Himachal Pradesh as a second home has been crucial.

The Jairam Thakur government has also done good work in terms of important top-ups of Central schemes. They launched HimCare as the Centre launched Ayushman Bharat, Grahani Yojana along with the Ujjwala cooking gas scheme of the Centre. The good work in both the Centre and the State is being seen in Himachal Pradesh.

Speaking of welfare programmes, Prime Minister Modi has steadfastly said he is against freebies or *'revdi'*, but many of your party's manifesto promises seem like handouts.

They are not freebies or '*revdi*' for the clear reason that almost all will give rise to women-led development and improvement, in steady terms, of women's health and economic empowerment. For example, the manifesto says pregnant women will be given ₹25,000 State-aided maintenance which will help in combating widespread anaemia and malnutrition prevalent in women; 33% reservation in jobs will lead to empowerment of women; bicycle for school-going girls and scooters to college-going girls are important, as in hill States getting from one point to the other is especially hard. Things such as creation of eight lakh jobs, or a 2% interest rate subvention to self-help groups are not a handout. All of these promises are not handouts or freebies but measures that will have a consistent, positive impact on development indicators.

Your party has seen an unusually high number of rebels this time around, especially in the crucial districts of Kangra and Mandi. With very tight contests in the past, do you think this will affect the BJP's chances?

Look, nobody wants rebel candidates and every effort was made to reason with people to withdraw their candidature, but, with the widespread belief that the BJP was winning these elections, there were many aspirants and it is unfortunate that at some point you can't persuade all to fall in line. I believe, however, that the people of Himachal Pradesh will not waste their votes, they will vote only for the BJP's official candidate.

BJP releases first list of 160 candidates for Gujarat polls, 38 Cong. defectors get ticket

38 MLAs, including Speaker, dropped; Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, cricketer Ravindra Jadeja's wife Rivaba and Patidar leader Hardik Patel figure on the list of candidates for Assembly election

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Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, cricketer Ravindra Jadeja's wife Rivaba Jadeja and Congress turncoat Hardik Patel figure on the first list of 160 candidates announced on Thursday by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for the Assembly election.

Elections are scheduled to be held in two phases on December 1 and 5.

The party dropped as many as 38 MLAs, while as many Congress defectors find a place on the list.

The BJP has fielded Ms. Jadeja, who joined the party in 2019, as its candidate for the Jamnagar North seat, dropping Dharmendrasinh M. Jadeja, MLA and Congress turncoat, after the High Court declined to withdraw criminal proceedings against him in a rioting case on Wednesday.

The ruling party has fielded Mr. Patel, a Congress import, from Viramgram, his home turf in Ahmedabad district. Mr. Patel was the face of the Patidar quota agitation and working president of the Gujarat Congress unit before he moved to the BJP in August. Another Congress turncoat is former legislator Manibhai Vaghela, who has been fielded from Vadgam to take on Jignesh Mevani of the Congress, the sitting MLA and Dalit activist.

Massive changes: BJP leaders releasing the list of candidates for the Gujarat Assembly election in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

Morbi seat

In Morbi, where a bridge collapse killed over 135 people on October 29, the party has replaced Minister Brijesh Merja, and fielded Kanti Amrutiya, a former MLA who lost in 2017.

Mr. Merja was also a Congress turncoat who had defected to the ruling party in 2020 and was made a Minister in 2021.

Among other Congress imports are Pradhyumansinh Jadeja who had switched over in 2020; tribal legislator Ashwin Kotwal, who joined the saffron camp in July this year; Harshad Ribadia, who joined the party last month; Bhaga Barad, who jumped to the BJP on Wednesday; and Rajendrasingh Rathwa, whose father and the senior-most Gujarat MLA Mohansinh Rathwa joined the BJP on Tuesday.

The 160-member list includes as many as 14 women, including several sitting legislators.

The radical redoing of the BJP in the State is now made evident with the dropping of 38 MLAs from the first list – which tots up to a massive 43% of candidates changed from the last election – and the number of former senior Ministers including former Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel opting out of the polls.

The change, say BJP insiders, is because of the old maxim, that to make sure things remain the same, change has to take place.

As the party has been in power for two-and-half decades and whole generations have no first-hand memory of a non-BJP-ruled Gujarat, the change has to be radical to combat the fatigue factor and prevent an exodus of young voters from alternatives out of sheer boredom.

SP fields Dimple for Mainpuri bypoll

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

The Samajwadi Party on Thursday announced the candidature of Dimple Yadav for the Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat, which fell vacant on the death of party founder Mulayam Singh.

The byelection to the seat is on December 5.

"The Samajwadi Party declares Dimple Yadav as the candidate for the Mainpuri bypoll," said a release issued by the party State president. Naresh Uttam Patel.

Dimple Yadav

Samajwadi Party stalwart and three-time Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh passed away at the age of 82 on October 10.

There are nearly 17 lakh voters in the constituency and roughly 3.5 lakh of them are Yadavs.

The community with the second highest population in the constituency is Sakya, which also belongs to the Other Backward Classes and has around three lakh voters.

'Sympathy factor'

By making Ms. Dimple, the daughter-in-law of Mulayam and wife of party president Akhilesh Yadav a candidate, the Samajwadi Party is trying to benefit from the "sympathy" factor in favour of the Yadav family.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha election, Mulayam Singh won the seat by roughly 1,14,000 votes against Prem Singh Shakya of the the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) who polled more than 4,30,000 votes.

The Samajwadi Party patriarch, who also served as the Defence Minister in the past, had represented Mainpuri five times in the Lok Sabha.

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In Maharashtra leg of Yatra, Rahul hits out at Modi govt. over plight of youth, farmers

Abhinay Deshpande
NANDED

Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi took potshots at the Modi government on Thursday, slamming policies which led to unemployment across the country.

Addressing a large gathering at Nanded after walking for nearly 27 km as part of his Bharat Jodo Yatra, the former Congress president launched a frontal attack on Mr. Modi and Central government policies, asserting that demonetisation rendered millions jobless, while the youth had no hope of employment as the government had failed to create jobs. Farmers were also forced to pay Goods and Services Tax (GST) for fertiliszers, which was previously unheard-of in independent India, Mr. Gandhi said.

"The youth are getting scared as they don't get jobs after completing their education. Mr. Modi and the BJP are converting that feeling into fear for their own benefit," Mr. Gandhi said.

Rahul Gandhi

The Maharashtra leg of the Yatra was meant to be a show of unity among Maha Vikas Aghadi, with their partners, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supremo Sharad Pawar and Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray expected to join the foot march.

However, Mr. Pawar could not join as he was hospitalised. The party was represented by his daughter and Lok Sabha MP Supriya Sule, State president Jayanth Patil and MLA Jitendra Awhad.

Mr. Uddhav's son and Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray is scheduled to join the yatra on Friday. However, a section of in the Uddhav faction are apprehensive given Mr. Gandhi's repeated attacks on Savarkar. On Thursday too, Mr. Gandhi drew parallels between Mahatma Gandhi and Savarkar.

Given the discomfort over a section of leaders in Uddhav camp, the Congress made clear attempts to reach out by attacking the Modi government over Sena MP Sanjay Raut's bail order. Earlier, both Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh accused Enforcement Directorate of being a puppet of the Modi government.

Day after release, Sanjay Raut 'praises' Fadnavis

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

A day after he was released on bail, after being arrested for his alleged involvement in the Patra Chawl redevelopment project, Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) leader Sanjay Raut on Thursday raised political eyebrows with his 'praise' of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

"I will not criticise anyone, neither the ED nor anybody else who hatched this conspiracy against me," said the Thackeray camp loyalist.

He also welcomed Mr. Fadnavis's stance on calling for an end to the political bitterness in the State.

"Mr. Fadnavis has taken some good decisions, importantly regarding housing for the poor, giving more authority to the MHADA which our government had taken away. We will not oppose just for the sake of opposing," he said.

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INBRIEF

Illegal structures around Afzal Khan's tomb demolished

The Satara district administration on Thursday demolished unauthorised structures erected on government land around the tomb of Afzal Khan, the 17 century General of the Adil Shahi dynasty of the Bijapur kingdom. The demolishing of the illegal structures around Afzal Khan's tomb, sited near the historic Pratapgad fort (close to Mahabaleshwar), commenced on Thursday morning amid heavy security deployment. Leaders from the ruling BJP and some right-wing outfits hailed the move, calling the Eknath Shinde-Devendra Fadnavis government a true adherent of Hindutva principles and one that had the courage to finally implement the Bombay High Court's order authorising the demolition.

Court junks Azam Khan's plea, clears way for Rampur bypoll

The Rampur Sessions Court on Thursday dismissed the plea of Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan seeking a stay on his conviction in the hate speech case that led to his disqualification from the Assembly. The court order has paved the way for the byelection to the Rampur Sadar Assembly seat on December 5. Special judge Alok Dubey heard Mr. Khan's appeal on the direction of the Supreme Court, which had also asked the Election Commission not to issue the notification for the Assembly byelection till November 10. Mr. Khan's advocate Safdar Kazmi told *The Hindu*, "We will approach the Allahabad High Court."

Deadline to share views on draft Telecom Bill extended

The Department of Telecom has extended the deadline till November 20 for submitting public comments on the draft Indian Telecommunication Bill, 2022. The Bill proposes to bring Internet-based calling and messaging services under the telecom rules as well as strengthen security for consumers. "In response to the requests received from several stakeholders, the Ministry has decided to further extend the last date for receipt of comments till 20th November, 2022," the DoT said in an official note on Thursday. The draft of the bill was released on September 21. PTI

India 'very closely' following detention of ex-Navy men

India is "very closely" following the case of detention of eight former Indian Navy personnel by Qatari authorities, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said on Thursday. The Indians have been in detention for around 70 days. It is learnt that the Qatari authorities are yet to officially convey to India the ground for their detention. "We are following the case very closely. Our embassy in Doha is in regular touch with the local authorities," Mr. Bagchi said during a media briefing. While the Qatari side had earlier granted a round of consular access to the detainees, the Indian officials are now pressing for another round of it. PTI

Visa wait times to drop after July 2023, says U.S. ahead of Yellen visit

Waiting time for appointment is 900 days now for B1/B2 business and tourism visas; U.S. Embassy officials said they had expedited visas for IT professionals; this month, 1 lakh more appointment slots were released for 'H' and 'L' category visas

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen will meet with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday to hold the ninth India-U.S. Economic and Financial Partnership in Delhi, where the two sides will sign a joint statement, explore cooperation on financial regulatory and technical issues and U.S. support for India's upcoming G-20 presidency.

The bilateral meeting will be followed by a meeting with Indian and U.S. companies that will focus on "India-U.S. business and investment opportunities", officials said.

However, while Ms. Yellen has indicated she will discuss sanctions on Russia, and the G-7 plan for an "oil price cap", she will not press India to reduce its oil intake from Russia, which is now the country's biggest supplier and accounts for more than 22% of oil imports.

Finance talks: Nirmala Sitharaman and U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen during the Minister's U.S. visit in October. AP

"We want Russian oil to continue to supply global markets; stay on the market. But we want to make sure that Russia doesn't profit unduly from the war by enjoying prices that are essentially very high due to the war," Ms. Yellen told the news agency PTI before leaving for Delhi, where she will stop *en route* to Indonesia for the G-20 summit.

Microsoft visit

Ahead of Ms. Yellen's visit, which will begin with a visit to the Microsoft India Development Centre in Noida on Friday morning, U.S. Embassy officials said they had expedited visas for Indians working in the IT sector, amid protests by the government of long delays for visas for Indians compared with those of other countries. This month, the officials said, the U.S. Embassy and consulates in India have released 1,00,000 extra appointment slots for "H" (including H-1B) and "L" category visas that pertain to technology and management professionals moving to the U.S. for work, bringing down their waiting periods considerably.

However, the officials said that bringing visa disbursal capacities for all categories to pre-COVID levels, when the U.S. used to process more than a million Indian visa applications every year, would take several months and not return to "100%" capacity until July 2023.

At present, appointment waiting times for B1/B2 business and tourism visas are more than 900 days (about two-and-a-half years), which has led to formal complaints by the government to the U.S. administration, even during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to the U.S. in September.

"India is the number one priority for the U.S. administration on visa issues," a U.S. Embassy official said in Delhi on Thursday, blaming a shortage of personnel due to the COVID-19 pandemic as the primary reason for delays in visa processing. "In an ideal world, there would be no disruptions and staff shortages," the official added.

During the talks, Ms. Yellen is expected to discuss India's participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum (IPEF) launched earlier this year, including several Asian countries, Australia, New Zealand and the U.S., where India has decided to stay out of trade discussions.

"Secretary Yellen will highlight the close ties between American and Indian people and businesses, and note ways we can further our bilateral economic relationship, including through the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework and stronger supply chains through friend-shoring", a statement by the U.S. Treasury said last week, adding that Ms. Yellen would "reaffirm America's and India's shared democratic values".

On Wednesday, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo attended a virtual conference of the India-U.S. CEO forum and discussed ways to increase bilateral trade.

Uttarakhand bans five 'drugs' made by Patanjali

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Authorities of Ayurvedic and Unani Services, Uttarakhand has asked Patanjali's Divya Pharmacy to stop the production of five drugs and remove their advertisements in media.

The pharmacy, which comes under the Patanjali company founded by yoga exponent Baba Ramdev, has been found in repeated contravention of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act. In the letter issued by G.C.S. Jangpangi, licence officer, Uttarakhand Ayurvedic and Unani Services, the pharmacy has been asked to stop production of Divya Madhugrit, Divya Eyegrit Gold, Divya Thyrogrit, Divya BPgrit, and Divya Lipidom.

According to Patanjali, these drugs were used to control diabetes, eye infection, thyroid abnormalities, blood pressure and cholesterol.

Patanjali has said the medicines made by Divya Pharmacy follow prescribed standards. The company said it was facing an attack from the "anti-Ayurveda drug mafia".

Payments still an issue, India and Russia working towards a solution

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

With larger payments still an issue, of which defence deals account for a large part, India and Russia are trying to find a workaround, and this was one of the issues External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar discussed with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, during his recent visit to Moscow, according to official sources.

"Some modifications with regard to payments are expected following the visit. Both sides are working towards a solution," an official source said. Mr. Jaishankar was in Moscow earlier this week where the war in Ukraine was top on the agenda.

A defence source said that 'milestone' payments which were to be made as per delivery timelines had been delayed.

In some cases, while deliveries had been made by Russia, the payments were yet to be cleared, it has been learnt.

Trade deals: S. Jaishankar and Sergey Lavrov exchange notes after a press conference in Moscow on Tuesday. AP

Rupees accumulating

It has been learnt that rupee-rouble payments are not solving the issue as rupees are accumulating on the Russian side due to the trade imbalance. Since the war in Ukraine and Russia's ouster from the SWIFT system, while smaller payments have been happening in the last few months, there are issues with larger payments, another official source stated. Goods have been shipped but payments have been held up, as Russia tries to meet timelines, which have seen some slippages with the continuing war in Ukraine.

Russia has emerged as India's largest supplier of oil for the month of October, according to latest figures, overtaking the traditional suppliers Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

With Russia being shut out of the global SWIFT system for money transfers, India and Russia have agreed to conduct payments through the rupee-rouble arrangement after trying Euro as well. With several big-ticket deals including the S-400 and stealth frigates under implementation, large volume of payments are to be made. Central banks of the two countries have been discussing ways to overcome the impasse.

As reported by *The Hindu*, speaking at the Army-2022 expo in Moscow in August, Dmitry Shugaev, Director of the Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation (FSMTC) of Russia, said Russian exporters of military products today were operating in a new reality and payments for defence deals in U.S. dollars and Euro had been reduced to a minimum and they were adopting various measures to offset impact of sanctions, including switching to payments in national currencies.

V-Cs must have served 10 years as professor, be picked from panel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Vice-Chancellor should have a minimum teaching experience of 10 years as a professor in a university and his or her name should be recommended by the search-cum-selection committee. The appointment of a Vice-Chancellor (V-C) is to be made from the names recommended by the search-cum-selection committee, the Supreme Court held in a judgment on Thursday.

A Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and M.M. Sundresh referred to Section 10(3) of the University Act, 2019, which provided that the committee should prepare a list of three persons for appointment as V-C based on their qualification and eligibility.

The judgment dealt with a challenge by Professor Narendra Singh Bhandari, whose appointment as V-C of Soban Singh Jeena University was set aside by the Uttarakhand High Court last year.

The contention against Mr. Bhandari's appointment was that he did not have the requisite 10-year teaching experience as professor.

He had only eight-and-a-half years' experience until he was appointed a member of the Uttarakhand Public Service Commission in 2017.

Long leave

However, he made the case that while serving in the commission he was on long leave and his lien continued on the post of professor. He was appointed V-C in 2020.

"Merely because his lien was continued on the post of a professor, it cannot be said that he continued to teach and/or he was having the teaching experience during the period of lien," Justice Shah, who wrote the judgment, held.

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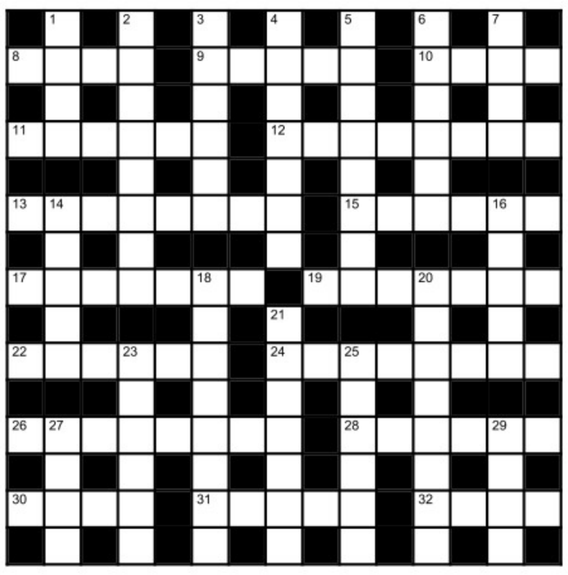

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30 River from Erode region (4)
31 President's rocking in bed (5)
32 Next to bone-yard renovated after body went missing (4)

Down

1 Throw ball and dish (4)
2 Tories' ad redrawn to show space rock (8)
3 Kind of Ray to include right slogan (6)
4 A law-man and soldier's operating system to produce musical pieces (7)
5 Make a ball-park guess from extensive land around central Denmark after independence (8)
6 Fiddles around mid-afternoon and runs (6)
7 Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' dubious competence in exporting cement (4)
14 After circular letter, extraordinarily large final letter from the Greeks (5)
16 Travelling nationals leaving Sion for city in Brazil (5)
18 Clothes cupboard's drawback? Boer is confused (8)
20 Drops sailor with old naval ship for starters (8)
21 Indecent about South Africa's holy war (7)
23 Changes broken slate around end of summer (6)
25 Blood group despatched? It's not there (6)
27 Concludes: English daughter has son (4)
29 Revolting Indian agent gives up dieting... Gets bread (4)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The paths shown by Rama

How to live in this Iron Age Kaliyuga? Lord Rama had shown the path to us by living Himself thousands of years ago in Tretayuga. The relation between father and son, teacher and student, husband and wife, ruler and his citizens and the importance of brotherhood were all well portrayed, said Damal Sri Ramakrishnan in a discourse.

In Balakanda, when Dasaratha told his son Rama to go to forest along with sage Viswamitra, He did not utter even a single word of dissent but gladly accepted. He listened to the advice of Viswamitra who told him to kill demoness Tataka. He had never boasted of it after killing her but politely told the sage "what else should I do". This shows the respect and reverence that a student should extend to his guru or preceptor.

In Ayodhya Kanda, when His stepmother Kaikeyi told that He should go to forest for 14 years as directed by king Dasaratha, Rama was unperturbed. He wholeheartedly accepted it. He said there should be no duel between brothers for the sake of property. "We have to make some sacrifice for maintaining peace in the family," said Rama.

In Aranya Kanda, Rama assured the sages that he would save them from Ravana. Through the treaty with the monkey legion chief Sugreeva, He established the importance of friendship in Kishkinda Kanda.

In Sundara Kanda, when Sita was grief-stricken while kept captive by Ravana in Ashoka Vanam, by sending Hanuman as His messenger, Sita was consoled and confidence was instilled in Her by Hanuman that Rama would come and bring her back. This only shows that God would never let down any one who sincerely prayed Him.

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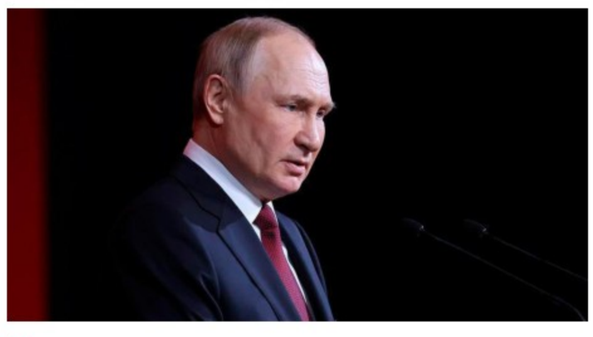
Russia's President Putin won't go to upcoming G-20 summit in Bali



Russian President Vladimir Putin will not attend a gathering of leaders from the Group of 20 (G-20) nations in person next week in Indonesia but may join virtually, officials said on Thursday. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will represent Mr. Putin on the ground at the meeting on the island of Bali. AP

RIO DE JANERIO

Brazil armed forces' report on election finds no evidence of fraud

Brazil's Defence Ministry has put out a report highlighting flaws in the electoral systems and proposing improvements, but there is nothing to substantiate claims of fraud from some of President Jair Bolsonaro's supporters protesting his October 30 defeat. The report was the first comment by the military on the run-off election. AP

WASHINGTON

Musk's ties with other countries worthy of being looked at: Biden

U.S. President Joe Biden said on Wednesday he thinks Twitter's top boss Elon Musk's ties with other countries was worthy of being looked at. Mr. Biden was asked whether he thought Mr. Musk was a threat to national security and if his acquisition of Twitter with help from a Saudi Arabian conglomerate should be investigated. REUTERS

KABUL

Taliban ban women from parks and funfairs in Afghan capital

Visitors walking inside the City Park in Kabul on Wednesday. The Taliban have banned Afghan women from entering the capital's public parks and funfairs, just months after ordering access to be segregated by gender. The new rule, introduced this week, further squeezes women out of an ever-shrinking public space. AFP

Republicans close in on U.S. House majority with Senate still up for grabs

Close contests in Nevada, Arizona as counting continues; President Biden says American people have made it clear that they expect Republicans to be prepared to work with me as well

Reuters
WASHINGTON

Republicans were edging closer to securing a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives early on Thursday, while control of the Senate hung in the balance, two days after Democrats staved off a Republican "red wave" in midterm elections.

Republicans had captured at least 210 House seats, Edison Research projected, eight short of the 218 needed to wrest the House away from Democrats and effectively halt President Joe Biden's legislative agenda.

While Republicans remain favoured, there were 33 House contests yet to be decided – including 21 of the 53 most competitive races, based on a Reuters analysis of the leading nonpartisan forecasters – likely ensuring the final outcome will not be determined for some time.

The fate of the Senate was far less certain. Either party could seize control by sweeping too-close-to-call races in Nevada and Arizona, where officials are methodically tallying thousands of uncounted ballots.

Neck and neck: Election workers tabulate ballots inside the Maricopa County Recorders Office on Thursday. AP

Blocking Biden's way

A split would mean the Senate majority would come down to a run-off election in Georgia for the second time in two years. Democratic incumbent Raphael Warnock and Republican challenger Herschel Walker both failed to reach 50% on Tuesday, forcing them into a one-on-one battle on December 6.

Even a slim House majority would allow Republicans to shape the rest of Mr. Biden's term, blocking priorities such as abortion rights and launching investigations into his administration and family.

Mr. Biden acknowledged that reality on Wednesday, saying he was prepared to work with Republicans. A White House official said Mr. Biden spoke by phone with Republican House leader Kevin McCarthy, who announced earlier in the day his intention to run for speaker of the House if Republicans control the chamber.

"The American people have made clear, I think, that they expect Republicans to be prepared to work with me as well," Mr. Biden said at a White House news conference.

If Mr. McCarthy is the next House speaker, he may find it challenging to hold together his fractious caucus, with a hard-right wing that has little interest in compromise.

Republicans are expected to demand spending cuts in exchange for raising the nation's borrowing limit next year, a showdown that could spook financial markets.

Control of the Senate, meanwhile, would give Republicans the power to block Mr. Biden's nominees for judicial and administrative posts.

The party in power historically suffers heavy casualties in a President's first midterm election, and Mr. Biden has struggled with low approval ratings. But Democrats were able to avoid the sweeping defeat that Republicans had anticipated.

Ukrainian forces advance after Russia announces retreat from Kherson city

Reuters
FRONTLINE NORTH OF KHERSON

Ukrainian troops advanced in the south on Thursday after Moscow ordered one of the war's biggest retreats, though Kyiv remained publicly wary, warning that fleeing Russians could turn Kherson into a "city of death".

Ukraine's Army chief Valeriy Zaluzhnyi said Kyiv could not yet confirm whether Russia was indeed pulling out, but that Ukrainian troops had advanced 7 km in the past 24 hours and recaptured 12 settlements.

"We continue to conduct the offensive operation in line with our plan," he wrote in a post on Telegram.

A small group of Ukrainian soldiers was shown on Ukraine's state TV in the centre of the village of Snihurivka around 55 km north of Kherson city. They were greeted by dozens of residents in a square, with a Ukrainian flag fluttering from a pole behind them. Reuters verified the location of the video.

"Today, on November 10, 2022, Snihurivka was liberated by the forces of the 131st Separate Intelligence Battalion. Glory to Ukraine!" a commander declared as the locals applauded, cheered and filmed the soldiers on their phones.

Blazing guns: A self-propelled artillery vehicle fires near Bakhmut, Donetsk region, in Ukraine on Wednesday. AP

Petro Lupan, a Ukrainian volunteer distributing bread to residents along a nearby stretch of the front line north of Kherson, told Reuters he had just learned of the recapture of Snihurivka from a friend reached by phone there.

"I can't find words to describe my feelings," the 46-year-old said.

Sowing destruction

Moscow ordered its troops on Wednesday to withdraw from the entire Russian-held pocket on the west bank of the Dnipro River, including Kherson city, the only regional capital Russia had captured in nine months of war.

Ukrainian officials have so far mostly been wary in public, warning that Russians may still be planning to sow destruction on their way out.

Mykhail Podolyak, an adviser to President Volodymyr Zelensky, said on Thursday Russia wanted to turn Kherson into a "city of death", mining everything from apartments to sewers and planning to shell the city from the other side of the river.

"This is what (the) 'Russian world' looks like: came, robbed, celebrated, killed 'witnesses', left ruins and left," he wrote on Twitter.

Russia denies it abuses civilians despite bombarding residential areas throughout the conflict. It has been evacuating thousands of civilians from the Kherson area in recent weeks in what Ukraine calls a forced deportation.

Over 2 lakh troops killed, injured in Ukraine war: U.S. General

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

More than 1,00,000 Russian military personnel have been killed or wounded in Ukraine, with Kyiv's forces likely suffering similar casualties, top U.S. General Mark Milley said on Wednesday.

"You're looking at well over 1,00,000 Russian soldiers killed and wounded," General Milley said in remarks at the Economic Club of New York. "Same thing probably on the Ukrainian side."

The figures provided by General Milley – which could not be independently confirmed – are the most precise to date from the United States government more than eight months into the war.

He also said there is a chance for talks on ending the war, and that military victory may not be possible for either Russia or Ukraine.

"There has to be a mutual recognition that military victory is probably in the true sense of the word maybe not achievable through military means, and therefore you need to turn to other means," he said.

"There's... an opportunity here, a window of opportunity for negotiation," he added.

Biden says he plans to run for re-election

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden said on Wednesday he intends to run for re-election and would likely make a final decision by early next year.

"Our intention is to run again, that's been our intention," Biden told reporters at the White House. "This is ultimately a family decision."

The President said his family wanted him to run and he did not feel rushed to make a final decision.

Biden, Xi to meet for talks in Bali on November 14, says White House

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Joe Biden will meet with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping on November 14 on the sidelines of the G-20 summit, the White House said on Thursday, in their first face-to-face talks since the U.S. leader became President.

"The leaders will discuss efforts to maintain and deepen lines of communication," as well as how to "responsibly manage competition and work together where our interests align, especially on transnational challenges," White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement.

President Joe Biden meets virtually with President Xi Jinping. AP/FILE

On Wednesday, Mr. Biden said he has already made clear to Mr. Xi that he is "looking for competition, not conflict". He said they will discuss Taiwan, but added that the U.S. stance on the island "has not changed at all from the very beginning".

Mr. Biden said he would like to lay out "what each of our red lines are, (to) understand what (Xi) believes to be in the critical national interests of China, what I know to be the critical interests of the United States, and to determine whether or not they conflict with one another."

Iran says it has developed a hypersonic ballistic missile

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

An Iranian Revolutionary Guards General claimed on Thursday that the Islamic republic has developed a hypersonic missile capable of penetrating all defence systems, raising concerns from the UN nuclear watchdog.

Hypersonic missiles, like traditional ballistic missiles which can deliver nuclear weapons, can fly more than five times the speed of sound. "This hypersonic ballistic missile was developed to counter air defence shields," General Amirali Hajizadeh, commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps aerospace unit said, quoted by Fars news agency.

"This missile, which targets enemy anti-missile systems, represents a great generational leap in the field of missiles."

Tehran warns Saudi Arabia that its patience has limits

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Iran has warned its neighbours, including Saudi Arabia, that it will retaliate against moves to destabilise it at a time of daily protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini.

Iran has accused its enemies, including the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, of being behind the unrest. "I would like to say to Saudi Arabia that our destiny and that of other countries in the region are linked to each other because of us being neighbours," its Intelligence Minister, Esmail Khatib, said on Wednesday.

"For Iran, any instability in the countries of the region is contagious, and any instability in Iran can be contagious to the countries of the region," he said, quoted on the website of Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

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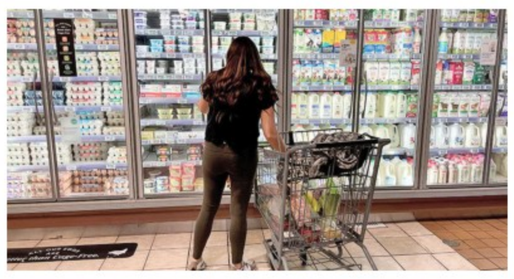

U.S. inflation: Oct. consumer prices rise less than expected

U.S. consumer prices rose less than expected in October, pushing the annual rise below 8% for the first time in eight months in a sign that inflation was slowing, which would allow Federal Reserve to scale back hefty rate increases. But the fight against inflation is far from won, with other data from the Labor Department showing a moderate rise in the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits, pointing to a still-tight jobs market. REUTERS

India-U.S. CEO forum seeks to boost bilateral economic ties

The India-U.S. CEO forum on Wednesday discussed ways to further strengthen economic ties between the two countries. It was chaired jointly by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Gina Raimondo, U.S. Secretary of Commerce. At the meeting, Mr. Goyal highlighted the significant growth of India-U.S. economic relations. Bilateral trade between the countries had risen to $120 billion in FY22 from $80.5 billion in FY21. PTI

'Flipkart burnt over $3.7 bn cash in a year till September'

Flipkart has burnt cash of $3.7 billion (about ₹30,000 crore) in about a year ended September 2022, according to filings. Flipkart had $1 billion in cash in July 2021, which came down to $900 million by September 2022. The company, in July 2021, raised $3.6 billion (about ₹29,000 crore), which has been completely exhausted, according to filings of Flipkart and Walmart. It is the biggest cash burn in a year by any new-age company in the country, according to industry estimates. PTI

'Current account deficit may be lower at 3% this fiscal'

Rising software exports, remittances and a likely $5-billion jump in foreign exchange reserves through swap deals will help rein in deficit, avers SBI Group Chief Economic Adviser Ghosh

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

State Bank of India has pencilled in a lower current account deficit for India at 3% for this fiscal as against the minimum consensus of 3.5%, citing rising software exports, remittances and a likely $5-billion jump in forex reserves via swap deals.

Every $10 rise in crude prices impacts the Current Account Deficit (CAD) to the tune of 40 basis points while the same on fuel inflation is 50 bps and also results in 23 bps decline in growth, according to Soumyakanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser at SBI. Exchange rate is a major contributor to software exports growth. "Every ₹1 fall against the dollar leads to an increase in software exports by $250 million".

This, along with an expected $5 billion-forex reserve accrual by way of swap transactions and higher remittances, will cap CAD at 3% of GDP as against the average lowest level projected for the year at 3.5%, Mr. Ghosh said.

Strong remittances and software exports had pushed down CAD by 60 basis points (bps) in the June quarter, he said. If the trends continued in July-September, CAD would fall below 3.5% and stand at 3% for the full fiscal. Even otherwise, the chances of it exceeding 3.5% of GDP are minimal, he added.

Software exports have been rising with the share of offsite mode of exports by domestic IT services firms soaring to 88.8% in FY22 from 82.8% five years earlier.

Not so gloomy

- Every ₹1 fall against the dollar leads to a $250-mn rise in software exports
- Remittances, software exports pushed down CAD by 60 bps in June quarter
- If trend continued in July-Sept, CAD for quarter would be reported at 3.5% and 3% for full year
- Even otherwise, chances of it exceeding 3.5% of GDP are minimal

Aurobindo shares tumble after arrest of director by ED

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Aurobindo Pharma shares on Thursday slumped 11.7% to ₹478.10 on the BSE following the arrest of whole-time director P. Sarath Chandra Reddy by the Enforcement Directorate.

Earlier in the day, Aurobindo in a filing with the stock exchange said Mr. Reddy, who is part of the promoter group, has been arrested by the directorate.

The firm, however, did not mention details of the case stating it was in the process of ascertaining further details. Later, in another filing, it said his arrest was not in connected with Aurobindo's or its subsidiaries' operations.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,614	-0.69
US Dollar	81.40	0.09
Gold	51,898	0.29
Brent oil	93.87	0.65

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3992.25	-4.95
Adani Ports	893.45	2.65
Apollo Hosp	4285.45	-75.75
Asian Paints	3045.15	-41.35
Axis Bank	843.70	-30.00
Bajaj Auto	3724.60	-14.95
Bajaj Finserv	1700.35	-52.35
Bajaj Finance	6975.10	-168.90
Bharti Airtel	825.75	6.70
BPCL	305.50	-1.35
Britannia Ind	4134.65	-40.70
Cipla	1122.30	-7.10
Coal India	253.60	-2.20
Divis Lab	3286.75	-12.00
Dr Reddys Lab	4549.45	14.55
Eicher Motors	3700.85	-32.10
Grasim Ind	1704.55	-40.95
HCL Tech	1052.45	-1.00
HDFC	2504.10	0.60
HDFC Bank	1524.75	16.40
HDFC Life	528.25	-3.50
Hero MotoCorp	2712.50	61.00
Hindalco	415.10	-2.00
Hind Unilever	2513.60	4.80
ICICI Bank	910.70	0.20
IndusInd Bank	1127.35	-21.65
Infosys	1501.95	-9.25
ITC	356.00	-4.70
JSW Steel	701.05	-5.50
Kotak Bank	1912.15	18.75
L&T	1977.65	-25.85
M&M	1298.20	-39.35
Maruti Suzuki	9097.25	-156.25
NestleIndia	20175.30	-144.60
NTPC	172.10	-1.30
ONGC	139.85	1.20
PowerGrid Corp	214.90	-3.85
Reliance Ind	2572.50	-31.50
SBI Life	1238.35	-25.45
State Bank	605.75	-9.80
Sun Pharma	1010.65	-2.90
TataConsumerProduct	768.70	-1.45
Tata Motors	412.20	-20.95
Tata Steel	104.70	-1.40
TCS	3205.65	-10.40
Tech Mahindra	1021.10	-7.60
Titan	2641.00	-77.10
UltraTech Cement	6801.30	-102.20
UPL	756.10	2.50
Wipro	388.90	-2.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 10

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.61	81.93
Euro	81.19	81.51
British Pound	92.91	93.27
Japanese Yen (100)	55.73	55.95
Chinese Yuan	11.25	11.30
Swiss Franc	82.49	82.86
Singapore Dollar	58.14	58.38
Canadian Dollar	60.16	60.42
Malaysian Ringitt	17.36	17.45
Australian Dollar	52.18	52.39

Source:Indian Bank

FMCG industry continues to witness slowdown: NielsenIQ

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The country's FMCG industry continued to witness consumption slowdown in the September quarter, with rural markets registering a higher decline in volumes compared with the three months ended June, as per a report.

Also, consumers continued to prefer purchasing smaller packets amid companies hiking prices in response to broader inflationary pressures, according to the report released by data analytics firm NielsenIQ.

The FMCG industry witnessed an overall volume decline of 0.9% in the September quarter in comparison with the preceding three months.

This was the fourth consecutive quarter with negative volume growth for the industry and is "attributed to the double-digit price growth for the past six consecutive quarters," according to the report.

Govt. releases ₹1.16 lakh cr. in devolution of tax to States

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government released two instalments of tax devolution to States totalling more than ₹1.16 lakh crore to help accelerate their capital expenditure.

"The Union Government has released two instalments of tax devolution to State Governments of ₹1,16,665 crore as against normal monthly devolution of ₹58,333 crore," the Finance Ministry said.

Reliance, Adani group companies bid for Future Retail

Reuters
MUMBAI

Companies led by Asia's richest man, Gautam Adani, and billionaire Mukesh Ambani, the owner of Reliance Industries, have entered the fray to acquire debt-laden Future Retail Ltd., a document seen by Reuters shows.

April Moon Retail Pvt. Ltd., a joint venture between Adani Airport holdings and Flemingo group, Reliance Retail ventures as well as 13 other firms have submitted expressions of interest (EOIs) for Future Retail. The deadline for submission of EOIs ended earlier this month. Other entities that have submitted EOIs include Shalimar Corporation, Nalwa Steel & Power, United Biotech, WHSmith Travel and Capri Global Holdings.

A total of 33 lenders had submitted loan claims of about ₹210.6 billion in August under the ongoing insolvency process.

Star Health turned net profit of ₹93 cr. in Q2

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Star Health and Allied Health Insurance Co. Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the second quarter stood at ₹93 crore.

The insurer had posted a loss of ₹170 crore in the year-earlier period.

During the period, gross written premium rose by 11% to ₹3,193 crore.

Net income from investment contracted to ₹123 crore from ₹181 crore, the insurer said in a filing.

Solvency ratio improved to 1.95 from 1.52. Total expenses reduced to ₹2,807.87 crore from ₹2932.64 crore. Claims paid reduced to ₹1,966.08 crore from ₹2,629.45 crore.

Tea Board seeks ₹1,000 crore for next 5 years for industry

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The Tea Board has sought an assistance of ₹1,000 crore from the Ministry of Commerce for the tea industry in the next five years.

Tea Board chairman Sourav Pahari said the proposed budget for five years starting 2022-23 takes into account small tea growers (STGs), orthodox subsidies to the industry, technology and research as well as promotion.

Mr. Pahari said 52% of total tea production in the country comes from STGs and it is good to note that the tea industry on the whole now acknowledges the contribution of the STGs. He also added that the relations between big tea planters and the STGs "should not be adversarial". Speaking at the 139th Annual General Meeting of Indian Tea Association (ITA), Mr. Pahari said Indian tea had to be developed as a brand and no longer as a bulk commodity export.

Sourav Pahari

TVS Srichakra Q2 net climbs 44% to ₹36 cr. as sales rise

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

TVS Srichakra Ltd, standalone net profit for the second quarter ended September rose 44% to ₹36 crore on increased sales volume from the year-earlier period.

During the quarter under review, revenue from operations grew by 20% to ₹805 crore, while input costs rose to ₹507 crore from ₹411 crore, the company said in a filing.

The tyre major, meanwhile, announced the international introduction of Roadhound, a sport touring tyre and Climber XC, an off-road specialty tyre at the 2022 EICMA Motor Show in Milan, Italy.

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'Almost 62% firms logged rise in profit in Sept. quarter'

Reuters
BENGALURU

Almost two-thirds of the almost 200 Indian companies with a market capitalisation of $100 million and more have reported a rise in profit for the September quarter, data tracked by Reuters showed.

Of the 191 firms tracked, 118 reported a rise in profit, Refinitiv data showed, with almost 90% of those logging an increase in quarterly revenue.

Apparel retailers, restaurants, banks, construction companies all saw a rise in sales and orders, as the country geared up for the first pandemic-free festive season in two years.

Companies saw sales climb as India geared up for the first festival season sans curbs in two years

Consumers bought food and supplies even through burning price inflation.

'Input price comfort'

"There is definitely a festive boost which cannot be denied and which is reflected in earnings performance," said Vivek Kumar, economist at Mumbai-based QuantEco Research.

"There was also some comfort on input prices moderating in the quarter, and a boost from pent-up demand. All these factors came together to help."

Retail sales in India peaks during Deepavali, when Indians usually splurge on apparel and automobiles.

"It's the first Diwali after COVID where people are able to get out and mingle with friends and family and that's definitely helping," Shoppers Stop Ltd. CEO Venu Nair told Reuters, after the department store chain posted a profit in the September quarter from a loss a year earlier.

Maruti Suzuki, India's top carmaker, reported a fourfold jump in quarterly profit, while construction bellwether L&T saw a spike in order inflows.

Limited gains from cancer drug sale clips Natco Q2 net

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Natco Pharma reported consolidated net profit declined more than 12% to ₹56.8 crore in the September quarter.

Profit share associated with the export sales of cancer drug Lenalidomide product to the United States was minimal during the quarter, the firm said.

The decline in the net profit came even as total revenue rose 9% to ₹452.6 crore. The company has declared a second interim dividend of 75 paise per equity share of ₹2 each for 2022-23.

FALLING APART

You can't teach anyone to handle pressure, says Rohit

India skipper Rohit Sharma said his players crumbled under pressure in the semifinal. "When it comes to knockout stages, it's all about handling the pressure. You can't teach anyone to handle pressure. When these guys play the playoffs in the IPL, they're able to handle it."

HALESTORM

'Adelaide Oval one of the best to bat especially in PowerPlay'

Alex Hales, who powered England home in the company of Jos Buttler, was delighted about his innings. "This [Adelaide Oval] is one of the best grounds to bat in especially in the PowerPlay. I have good memories of the ground and enjoy batting here," he said.

TOUGH TO SWALLOW

Devastated, gutted and hurt: Hardik on World Cup exit

"Devastated, gutted and hurt," tweeted Hardik Pandya after India's humiliating loss in the semifinal. "It's tough to take for all of us. To my teammates, I've enjoyed the bond we built — we fought for each other every step of the way. We will reflect and keep fighting," Hardik wrote.

STEPPING UP

'Special credit to Jordan for handling the pressure well'

Jos Buttler was all praise for Chris Jordan after punching a ticket to Melbourne for the final. "We need to give special credit to Jordan... to bowl three overs at the death coming into the semifinal was a tough job. He handled the pressure well, especially bowling against Hardik Pandya."

BILLIE JEAN CUP

Teichmann, Bencic power Switzerland past Italy

Switzerland rode on Jil Teichmann *(in pic)* and Belinda Bencic's efforts to blank Italy 3-0 in the Billie Jean Cup Finals on Wednesday. Slovakia defeated Belgium 2-1, Spain blanked Kazakhstan 3-0 and USA beat Poland 2-1 in the other matches of the day.

England rides roughshod over India's dreams, sets final date with Pakistan

Buttler, Hales make the chase a walk in the park with a breathtaking assault; Kohli, Hardik's 61-run stand sets up a decent total, but bowlers flounder

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

The Thursday night sky lapsed into an inky black hue and inside a well-lit Adelaide Oval the light dimmed on the Men in Blue. England galloped to a 10-wicket victory over India as Rohit Sharma's men crashed out of the ICC Twenty20 World Cup.

The semifinal was interestingly poised at the break after India posted 168 for six but once the England openers – skipper Jos Buttler (80 n.o.) and Alex Hales (86 n.o.) – launched a breathtaking assault, the pursuit turned out to be a walk in the park. England finished with 170 for no loss in 16 overs with Buttler hoisting Mohammed Shami into the stands.

Double whammy: Hales, left, and Buttler lit into the bowlers with such gay abandon, they were left wondering what hit them. GETTY IMAGES

Frenzied chase

The chase was frenzied as Buttler carved three fours from Bhuvneshwar Kumar's first over. The tempo was maintained as in the seamer's second over, Buttler launched one high over cover for six. Hales followed suit and hit Shami for a six and four besides kneeling down to lift Axar Patel over square-leg. R. Ashwin met a similar fate and even as Hardik Patel egged the crowd to raise their decibel levels, England was in the driver's seat.

Hales' blitzkrieg continued unabated as he found the gaps or sought the aerial route. The Indians were guilty of pitching it short and when Shami messed up a throw from the deep, it summed up a day that went downhill for India. And Hales kept twisting the knife in as a resigned air coursed through the Indian fans while the English fans – few in number but strong in spirit – found their voice. England will now take on Pakistan in Sunday's final at Melbourne.

Earlier, Buttler won the toss, elected to field and watched K.L. Rahul slash the first delivery from Ben Stokes for four. A set of play-and-miss routines soon happened before the opener fatally tried to ride the extra bounce that Chris Woakes extracted.

Next-man Virat Kohli opened up his stance a bit to counter left-arm speedster Sam Curran's angled deliveries and the slip fielder sensed a chance.

Rohit watched from the non-striker's end as Kohli lofted Woakes for six and then the skipper joined in, picking up two fours off Curran. When leg-spinner Adil Rashid emerged, Rohit slog-swept while Kohli latched on to Liam Livingstone. Chris Jordan too felt the heat of Rohit's bat but the batter tried one more hustle and spooned a catch.

With Suryakumar Yadav stepping in, the fans expected an electric charge. He briefly lived upto that expectation, hitting Stokes for a six and four. But against Rashid, the batter couldn't get over the fielder on the fence and at 75 for three in 11.2 overs, India needed stability and runs.

Kohli and Hardik offered a 61-run fourth-wicket partnership. The initial steady runs gathered pace as Kohli cut Woakes, Hardik clouted Livingstone and also tucked into Curran. Hardik found his groove against Curran as twice the ball sailed into the skies. Meanwhile, Kohli etched his 50 and departed, failing to get past the inner-circle.

Hardik (63), though, cruised along, subjugating Curran with a volley of shots besides muscling his way against Jordan in the last over and even if he trod on his stumps, India had a challenging total until England stepped up with unbridled kinetic energy.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
K.L. Rahul c Buttler b Woakes 5 *(5b, 1x4)*, Rohit Sharma c Curran b Jordan 27 *(28b, 4x4)*, Virat Kohli c Rashid b Jordan 50 *(40b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Salt b Rashid 14 *(10b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Hardik Pandya hit wicket b Jordan 63 *(33b, 4x4, 5x6)*, Rishabh Pant run out 6 *(4b, 1x4)*, R. Ashwin (not out) 0 *(0b)*; Extras (w-3): 3; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 168.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-9 (Rahul, 1.4 overs), 2-56 (Rohit, 8.5), 3-75 (Suryakumar, 11.2), 4-136 (Kohli, 17.6), 5-158 (Pant, 19.3), 6-168 (Hardik, 19.6).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Stokes 2-0-18-0, Woakes 3-0-24-1, Curran 4-0-42-0, Rashid 4-0-20-1, Livingstone 3-0-21-0, Jordan 4-0-43-3.

ENGLAND
Jos Buttler (not out) 80 *(49b, 9x4, 3x6)*, Alex Hales (not out) 86 *(47b, 4x4, 7x6)*; Extras (w-4): 4; Total (for no loss in 16 overs): 170.

INDIA BOWLING
Bhuvneshwar 2-0-25-0, Arshdeep 2-0-15-0, Axar 4-0-30-0, Shami 3-0-39-0, Ashwin 2-0-27-0, Hardik 3-0-34-0.

Toss: England; **MoM:** Hales.
England won by 10 wickets with four overs to spare.

We were out-played and out-classed, says Dravid

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

Post-match press-conferences after a crushing defeat can seem like a heartless interrogation for the concerned subject. The loss is yet to sink in, a whirl of emotions is coursing through but Rahul Dravid did well to front-up to the media after India's 10-wicket loss to England here on Thursday.

There was the odd moment when he narrowed his eyes, tried to change a word-descriptor for India's defeat but largely the Indian coach spoke candidly. "England was the better team today and we were out-played, out-classed," Dravid said and later when a veteran scribe mentioned the word 'debacle', the former India captain said, "not a debacle but, yes, disappointed."

The coach felt India perhaps fell short by around 15 runs: "Hardik (Pandya) did well towards the end. At the 15-over mark I thought we were short by about 15 to 20 runs but Hardik played extremely well."

Anti-climax: After quite an impressive campaign in the Super 12s, India seemed to have lost the plot in the semifinals. AP

He then added: "We all know that Jos Buttler is a dangerous player. He and (Alex) Hales got a start and once the required run-rate was reduced, they could control the game."

Dravid pointed out that though India had a good campaign upto the semifinal phase, it would be too early to sum up the squad's overall performance just hours after a loss.

And when asked about allowing Indian players to feature in overseas T20 leagues like the Big Bash, Dravid was quick to react: "We have a tight season and if our players go to the overseas leagues, it will affect domestic cricket like the Ranji Trophy.

"And with that our Test cricket would be affected. We have seen what has happened with the West Indies and we wouldn't want to go down that path."

Our best performance in this edition by a mile: Buttler

Sports Bureau
ADELAIDE

Close to the Adelaide Oval, just before the old cathedral, is an iconic statue. Sir Don Bradman in the last flourish of an expansive drive is frozen for posterity as a piece of eternal art. That Zen-state of batting was visible inside the venue too on a Thursday night when Jos Buttler and Alex Hales soared high.

The duo powered England to a 10-wicket victory over India in the ICC Twenty20 World Cup semifinal. Soon after the triumph, Buttler in his role as the England skipper met the press.

"This was our best performance in the tournament by a mile. To be here in the semifinal and to play like that against a strong Indian team was special," he said.

Exuding joy, both over his and the team's performance, Buttler picked out Hales, Chris Jordan, other pacers and Adil Rashid for their fine show. "We kept them (Indians) quiet initially and I thought our fast bowlers did well. Adil got Suryakumar Yadav too. It was a good pitch and we enjoyed being there," the England captain said.

Crucial strike: Rashid not only bowled a tight spell but also blunted India's main weapon — Suryakumar. AFP

And as for 'spoiling' the expected India-Pakistan summit-clash, Buttler smiled and said: "I know a lot of people wanted that especially after that first edition between the two teams, obviously they wanted one more match between them. But am happy we are in the final and it feels special."

Shiva Thapa lone Indian man to progress beyond the semifinal

Sports Bureau

Shiva Thapa edged out Tajikistan's Bakhodur Usmonov 4-1 in a closely-fought men's 63.5kg semifinal contest and became the only Indian men's boxer to reach the final of the Asian boxing championships in Amman on Thursday.

Thapa mixed his left jabs and combinations to bag the first round. Usmonov, the 2019 champion, stepped up the attack to take the second. But Thapa had Usmonov down for the count and went on to win.

Four other Indian men took home a bronze after losing in the semifinals. Mohammad Hussamuddin (57kg) could not take the ring after he was declared 'medically unfit' due to a cut he received during his quarterfinal bout.

Sumit Kundu (75kg) lost to defending champion Jafarov Saiddjamshid 0-5 while Narender Berwal (+92kg) suffered a 0-5 reverse against another Uzbek, Lazizbek Mullojonov.

On Wednesday, Parveen Hooda (63kg) and Saweety Boora (81kg) moved into the final. Minakshi (52kg), Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) and Alfiya Pathan (+81kg) had already qualified.

The results (semifinals):

Men: 48kg: Govind Sahani lost to Sanzhar Tashkenbay (Kaz) 0-4.

57kg: Mohammad Hussamuddin w.o. Serik Temirzhanov (Kaz).

63.5kg: Shiva Thapa bt Bakhodur Dusmonov (Tjk) 4-1.

75kg: Sumit lost to Jafarov Saiddjamshid (Uzb) 0-5; **+92kg:** Narender Berwal lost to Lazizbek Mullojonov 0-5.

Women: 63kg: Parveen Hooda bt Uranbileg Shinetsetseg (Mgl) 5-0; **81kg:** Saweety Boora bt Lina Jaber (Jor) RSC-R2.

Subhasish seals the deal for ATK MB in the nick of time

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Subhasish Bose produced the winner a minute from time to help ATK Mohun Bagan get past NorthEast United FC 2-1 in a fifth round encounter of ISL-9 at the Salt Lake Stadium on Thursday. ATK MB went ahead in the first half through Liston Colaco before it was cancelled out by NEUFC's Aaron Evans in the 81st minute.

The win took ATK MB to the second spot with 10 points in five matches.

Despite dominating the initial exchanges, the host failed to break through till the half-hour mark. In the 35th minute, Liston scored from a tight angle after Hugo Boumous found him unmarked on the left corner of the NEUFC box.

ATK MB had a chance to double the lead seven minutes later, but an alert K. Mirshad in the NEUFC goal prevented Boumous from taking a shot from close. Mirshad's heroics saved the visitors again in the 45th minute when he dived to block a rasping header from ATK MB's Finnish play-maker Joni Kauko.

In the 54th minute, NEUFC had a chance to equalise but Parthib Gogoi's shot deflected off the upright. Australian defender Evans made it 1-1 off a corner nine minutes from time. Just when it looked like time was running out, Subhasish's header off a Dimitros Petratos cross sealed the deal for the Kolkata side.

The result: ATK MB 2 (Liston 35, Subhasish 89) bt NEUFC 1 (Evans 81).

INBRIEF

Keegan Petersen ruled out of SA's tour of Australia

South Africa's Keegan Petersen has been ruled out of the Australia tour due to a hamstring tear. As per *ESPNcricinfo*, Petersen sustained the injury at the weekend, during the CSA T20 Challenge final, and will probably need between six to eight weeks to recover.

Struggling Southampton appoints Jones as manager

Southampton has tasked Nathan Jones with saving it from relegation. The Premier League club on Thursday appointed the 49-year-old Welshman on a three-and-a-half year contract to replace Ralph Hasenhuttl who was sacked on Monday. Jones gets the job on the back of an impressive spell with Championship side Luton.

India Women to play tri-series in SA ahead of T20 WC

India will feature in a women's Twenty20 tri-series, involving host South Africa and the West Indies, from January 19 to February 2 as part of the three teams' preparation for the 2023 T20 World Cup, which will be hosted by the African nation. The teams will play two matches against each other for a place in the final, before switching focus to the World Cup, to be held from February 10 to 26 in Cape Town, Paarl and Gqeberha.

Tiger Woods set to return at Hero World Challenge

Tiger Woods made it official on Wednesday by announcing he would return to competition as part of the 20-man field at the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. Woods is the tournament host of the unofficial event on Dec. 1-4 at Albany Golf Club, where the tournament has been played since 2015. It will be the first time Woods has played the Hero World Challenge since 2019. Woods, who announced his decision on Twitter, has not played competitively since he missed the cut in the British Open at St. Andrews in July. That was only the third tournament he played in 2022, all of them majors. He made the cut at the Masters and PGA Championship, finishing 47th at Augusta National and withdrawing after three rounds at Southern Hills.

National junior athletics in Guwahati from today

National Open champions, long jumper Shaili Singh and triple jumper Poorva Sawant, are among the stars in the 37th National junior athletics championships which begin in Guwahati on Friday. Robert Bobby George, who has moulded Shaili into a top-class long jumper at the Anju Bobby High Performance Centre in Bengaluru, has landed here with a big bunch of jumpers. "We are a 10-member group... nine jumpers and a 100m hurdler," Bobby told *The Hindu*. Poorva is another new talent from Bobby's academy who looks promising. International Priya H. Mohanwill be running only the 400m

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Bundesliga: Sony Sports 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1 a.m. (Saturday)
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 1.15 a.m. (Saturday).

Germany coach Flick drops Reus and Hummels, rewards Moukoko

Deschamps includes Varane in France squad despite the defender's recent injury problems; Maddison gets the nod from Southgate

Surprise: England coach picked Leicester's Maddison in the team. GETTY IMAGES

Hoping for the best: Lukaku has been included in Belgium squad despite carrying a thigh injury. FILE PHOTO

Teen sensation: Moukoko seems to have won the confidence of coach Flick. FILE PHOTO

WORLD CUP SQUADS

Agencies
BERLIN

Germany is taking 17-year-old striker Youssoufa Moukoko to the World Cup though Borussia Dortmund teammates Marco Reus and Mats Hummels have missed out.

Coach Hansi Flick named his 26-man squad for Qatar on Thursday, rewarding Moukoko for scoring six goals and setting up four more in 13 Bundesliga appearances this season. Moukoko is the youngest player to clock 10 career Bundesliga goals.

Last season, he became the youngest player to appear in the league. "Youssoufa gives the team a lot. He's fast, he's lively. We're looking forward to him," Flick said.

France coach Didier Deschamps included Raphael Varane in his World Cup squad on Wednesday despite the defender's recent injury problems, while striker Olivier Giroud was also named.

Deschamps selected 25 of a possible 26 players where France will attempt to become the first team to defend its World Cup title since Brazil in 1962.

Lukaku picked

Romelu Lukaku was selected in Belgium's 26-man squad on Thursday even though the striker is carrying a left thigh injury and has played only five games for Inter Milan this season.

James Maddison was a surprising inclusion for England when coach Gareth Southgate named his 26-man squad on Thursday.

The Leicester playmaker has made only one appearance for his country, coming on as a substitute in a European Championship qualifier against Montenegro in 2019.

The squads: GERMANY:
Goalkeepers: Manuel Neuer, Marc-Andre ter Stegen, Kevin Trapp.
Defenders: Thilo Kehrer, David Raum, Antonio Rudiger, Niklas Sule, Matthias Ginter, Nico Schlotterbeck, Lukas Klostermann, Christian Gunter, Armell Bella Kotchap.
Midfielders: Joshua Kimmich, Leon Goretzka, Jamal Musiala, Thomas Muller, Ilkay Gundogan, Jonas Hofmann, Mario Gotze, Julian Brandt, Kai Havertz.
Forwards: Serge Gnabry, Leroy Sane, Karim Adeyemi, Niclas Fullkrug, Youssoufa Moukoko.
FRANCE: Goalkeepers: Hugo Lloris, Steve Mandanda, Alphonse Areola.
Defenders: Lucas Hernandez, Theo Hernandez, Presnel Kimpembe, Ibrahima Konate, Jules Kounde, Benjamin Pavard, William Saliba, Raphael Varane, Dayot Upamecano.
Midfielders: Eduardo Camavinga, Youssouf Fofana, Matteo Guendouzi, Adrien Rabiot, Aurelien Tchouameni, Jordan Veretout.
Forwards: Karim Benzema, Kingsley Coman, Ousmane Dembele, Olivier Giroud, Antoine Griezmann, Kylian Mbappe, Christopher Nkunku.
BELGIUM: Goalkeepers: Koen Casteels, Thibaut Courtois, Simon Mignolet.
Defenders: Toby Alderweireld, Zeno Debast, Leander Dendoncker, Wout Faes, Arthur Theate, Jan Vertonghen, Thomas Meunier, Timothy Castagne.
Midfielders: Kevin De Bruyne, Amadou Onana, Youri Tielemans, Hans Vanaken, Axel Witsel, Yannick Carrasco, Thorgan Hazard.
Forwards: Michy Batshuayi, Charles De Ketelaere, Jeremy Doku, Eden Hazard, Romelu Lukaku, Dries Mertens, Lois Openda, Leandro Trossard (Brighton).
WALES: Goalkeepers: Wayne Hennessey, Danny Ward, Adam Davies.
Defenders: Ethan Ampadu, Chris Mepham, Tom Lockyer, Ben Davies, Chris Gunter, Connor Roberts, Joe Rodon, Neco Williams, Ben Cabango.
Midfielders: Joe Allen, Aaron Ramsey, Harry Wilson, Jonny Williams, Joe Morrell, Dylan Levitt, Rubin Colwill, Sorba Thomas, Matt Smith.
Forwards: Gareth Bale, Daniel James, Kieffer Moore, Brennan Johnson, Mark Harris.
USA: Goalkeepers: Ethan Horvath, Sean Johnson, Matt Turner.
Defenders: Cameron Carter-Vickers, Sergino Dest, Aaron Long, Shaq Moore, Tim Ream , Antonee Robinson, Joe Scally, DeAndre Yedlin, Walker Zimmerman.
Midfielders: Brenden Aaronson, Kellyn Acosta, Tyler Adams, Luca de la Torre, Weston McKennie, Yunus Musah, Cristian Roldan.
Forwards: Jesus Ferreira, Jordan Morris, Christian Pulisic, Gio Reyna, Josh Sargent, Tim Weah, Haji Wright.
ENGLAND: Goalkeepers: Jordan Pickford, Nick Pope, Aaron Ramsdale.
Defenders: Trent Alexander-Arnold, Conor Coady, Eric Dier, Harry Maguire, Luke Shaw, John Stones, Kieran Trippier, Kyle Walker, Ben White.
Midfielders: Jude Bellingham, Conor Gallagher, Jordan Henderson, Mason Mount, Kalvin Phillips, Declan Rice.
Forwards: Phil Foden, Jack Grealish, Harry Kane, James Maddison, Marcus Rashford , Bukayo Saka, Raheem Sterling, Callum Wilson.
CAMEROON: Goalkeepers: Andre Onana, Devis Epassy, Simon Ngapandouetnbu.
Defenders: Fai Collins, Nicolas Nkoulou, Enzo Ebosse, Olivier Mbaizo, Nouhou Tolo, Jean-Charles Castelletto, Cristopher Wooh.
Midfielders: Samuel Oum Gouet, Martin Hongla, Frank Zambo Anguissa, Pierre Kunde Malong, Olivier Ntcham, Gael Ondoua.
Forwards: Vincent Aboubakar, Bryan Mbeumo, Jean-Pierre Nsame, Georges-Kevin N'Koudou, Moumi Ngamaleu, Karl Toko Ekambi, Christian Bassogog, Souaibou Marou, Jerome Ngom, Eric Choupo Moting.
MOROCCO: Goalkeepers: Yassine Bounou, Munir Mohamedi, Ahmed Reda Tagnaouti. **Defenders:** Achraf Hakimi, Noussair Mazraoui, Nayef Aguerd, Badr Benoun, Romain Saiss, Yahya Attiyat Allah, Jawad El Yamiq, Achraf Dari.
Midfielders: Sofyan Amrabat, Abdelhamid Sabiri, Selim Amallah, Azzedine Ounahi, Bilal El Khannouss, Yahya Jabrane.
Forwards: Hakim Ziyech, Amine Harit, Abde Ezzalzouli, Zakaria Aboukhlal, Sofiane Boufal, Ilias Chair, Youssef En-Nesyri, Walid Cheddira, Abderrazak Hamed Allah.

Bengaluru FC and East Bengal will strive to get back to their winning ways

ISL

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

The last time East Bengal visited the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, things were rather charged. It was the spring of 2017, and the then I-League table-topper handed defending champion Bengaluru FC a crushing 3-1 defeat, masterminded by an erstwhile crowd favourite in the Garden City, Robin Singh.

Five-and-a-half years since, things are more sedate. East Bengal is no longer the force it once was, finishing in the bottom three the past two seasons and currently 10th out of 11 ISL teams.

BFC has fared a bit better, with two consecutive mid-table finishes and now eighth. Robin is plying his trade with Bangalore Super Division club Sporting Club Bengaluru.

Friday evening's encounter can thus help serve a dual purpose - navigating this season's troubled waters and serving a polite reminder of their erstwhile top-dog status.

Both teams come into the match having suffered back-to-back defeats. Their styles of play have also not inspired much confidence.

Stephen Constantine's East Bengal plays largely rugged football, with increased focus on counter-attacks and set-pieces.

BFC is still figuring out what works best under Simon Grayson.

The on and off presence of creator Javi Hernandez and the total absence of striker Prince Ibara haven't helped and the side has scored just twice in four games.

But a fortnight's gap since the last match would have helped the Englishman brainstorm.

Constantine, on the other hand, has harped on his wards' fighting spirit and will look for an energetic performance at a stadium where they have traditionally found support.

There is also forward Cleiton Silva, formerly of BFC, whose wisdom he can tap into.

But starters in midfielder Alex Lima and defender Souvik Chakrabarti are mostly out because of injuries.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Facile win for FC Bengaluru United

FC Bengaluru United defeated Rebels FC 3-1 in the BDFA Super Division football league here on Thursday.

The results: Bangalore Dream United FC 3 (Jai Hari Barman 6, 62, Shestarjune Lyngkhoi 89) bt BUFC 2 (Guy Herman 21, Konthoujam Donel 58); FC Bengaluru United 3 (Chesterpoul Lyngdoh 15, Irfan Yadwad 31, Shibil Muhammed 52) bt Rebels FC 1 (Sanjib Singh 45).

Akshay advances

Akshay Talwai took out G. Jaiwanth 61-46, 59-45, 57-47 in the first round of the State Ranking senior men's snooker tournament here.

DPS (East) makes merry

Delhi Public School (East) whipped Zenith HC 7-0 in the KSHA 'C' Division hockey league championship here.

The result: DPS (East) 7 (Muhammed Ashou 2, Nawaz 5, 26, Tejas Reddy 33, 43, Jobin 36, Prem Kumar 44) bt Zenith HC 0.

Kailash's five-for highlights DPS (South)'s win

Kailash (5/8) powered Delhi Public School (South) past ITI Central School in the under-16 section of the Gopalan Cricket Challenge Cup.

The scores: Under-12: DPS (West) 99/1 in 12 overs (Poorav Soni 32 n.o., Anav Agarwal 50 n.o.) lost to Gopalan National School 100/1 in 7.2 overs (Aadyot Pandey 55 n.o.); Bethany 79/5 in 15 overs (Viaan Joshi 3/12) lost to DPS (South) 80/2 in 8.4 overs (Arhan 29 n.o.).

Under-16: ITI Central School 69 in 17.3 overs (Kailash 5/8) lost to DPS (South) 75 for no loss in 6 overs (B.P. Sujay 47); Sports School 89 in 22.1 overs (Jayaditya Tiwari 26, Nitesh 5/13) lost to St. Joseph's BHS 90/2 in 12 overs (R. Shiv 49).

Sable named brand ambassador for BMM

Avinash Sable, 3,000m steeplechase at the CWG, has been named brand ambassador of the 15th edition of the Bengaluru Midnight Marathon (BMM) 2022 to be held on Dec. 11.

Inter crushes Bologna, moves into the top four; Atletico loses again

EURO LEAGUES

Agencies
ROME

Inter Milan climbed into the top four in Serie A on Wednesday with a 6-1 thrashing of Bologna.

In the La Liga, Atletico Madrid continued its dismal form with a 1-0 defeat by Real Mallorca.

Important results:

Bundesliga: Cologne 1 (Schmitz 30) lost to Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Amiri 65, Diaby 71); Leipzig 3 (Simakan 54, Nkunku 56, Forsberg 78-pen) bt Freiburg 1 (Kubler 66); Union Berlin 2 (Becker 7, Behrens 22) drew with Augsburg 2 (Niederlechner 8, 39); Frankfurt 4 (Sow 6, Kolo Muani 8, Dina Ebimbe 29, Lindstrom 56) bt Hoffenheim 2 (Baumgartner 37, Kabak 46); Schalke 1 (Terodde 10) bt Mainz 0.

Dimarco came up with a brace. GETTY IMAGES

Serie A: Lecce 2 (Baschirotto 28, di Francesco 30) bt Atalanta 1 (Zapata 40); Inter Milan 6 (Dzeko 26, Dimarco 36, 48, Martinez 42, Calhanoglu 59-pen, Gosens 76) bt Bologna 1 (Lykogiannis 22); Torino 2 (Radonjic 29, Vlasic 59) bt Sampdoria 0.

La Liga: Almeria 1 (Baptistao 26) bt Getafe 0; Sevilla 1 (Mir 44) lost to Real Sociedad 2 (Sorloth 20, Mendez 36); Espanyol 0 lost to Villarreal 1 (Lecomte 64-og); Real Mallorca 1 (Muriqi 16) bt Atletico Madrid 0.

IOA passes amended constitution, election process soon

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The amended Constitution of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) did meet stiff resistance from the aggrieved parties – the State Olympic Associations which have lost their voting rights – but the Special General Meeting of the IOA approved the same on Thursday, and it is set to be presented to the Supreme Court.

Once that is done, the election process is expected to be put in motion immediately.

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The post of the secretary-general has been removed and in that place, there will be a professional Chief Executive Officer, a person with management experience, nominated by the president, IOC member and the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission. The CEO will not have a vote.

Terms of office

In the revised constitution, the office-bearers can have only three terms of four years each, with a cooling off period of four years. Also, an office-bearer can have only a maximum of two terms in a post. And nobody above 70 years will be eligible to hold any post.

Earlier, the IOA enjoyed a flexible five term option for its office-bearers, even though it was different for the National Sports Federations.

National Federations that have their sport in the Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games will have membership of the IOA with voting rights of two each, with one male and one female. The IOC member will also have a vote.

With most of the federations not having women representation as yet, it has been felt important to seek a time frame to implement this process in future elections.

National sports federations of other sports and indigenous games will continue to enjoy the membership of IOA without voting rights.

Eight sportspersons

There will be eight sportspersons of outstanding merit – four male and four female – apart from two Olympians to be nominated by the Athletes Commission, with voting rights.

The State Olympic Associations are believed to have sought at least two combined votes for their overall representation. There will be clarity on the road ahead once Supreme Court takes up the matter.